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PRIVATE AGENCY ROLE POSSIBLE FOR MONTREAL'S JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

Manuel Batshaw

'Will guarantee agency'

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL –

Allied Jewish Community Services will formally guarantee its agency, Jewish Family Services, of financial support as a private agency, should family services to the Jewish community not be fulfilled adequately under the new health and social services law Chapter 48.

"If the change from a public social service centre to a private agency becomes necessary, it would be difficult, but not impossible to administer," said Manuel Batshaw, executive director of AJCS. "The Jewish community has enough strength to convince the government that it must extricate itself if we find that our services to the Jewish community are not being fulfilled adequately."

The fact that Jewish Family Services will no longer be the traditional agency Montreal Jewry is accustomed to has raised concerns. These concerns, however, were considered during a turbulent period of examination by the leadership of AJCS and JFS.

Chapter 48, which came into province-wide effect on July 1, 1973, creates four classes of care for the population. The Jewish Family Services falls into a category known as the social service centre, and, including JFS, there will be three such centres for the island of Montreal.

As Montreal has a highly developed network of social services, the government decided to reverse its original decision to establish only one centre, and instead has instituted three -- one predominately French, one English, and one other which will be housed at the Jewish Family Services in the Cummings House of AJCS.

"We will not have the same control in policies," said Batshaw, "and this caused some apprehension to JFS and AJCS. Our concerns were expressed to the government and efforts were made to obtain special arrangements."

The Jewish community sought two permits from the government -- permits enabling JFS to operate as a private and public establishment.

The government refused the request but granted the community assurances in writing that should family services to the Jewish population prove unsatisfactory, then the department of social affairs could not see any reason why a private permit to JFS would not be possible.

Batshaw outlined the three major effects Chapter 48 will have on the Jewish community in terms of the Jewish Family Services:

— the act requires that services will not be delivered in the traditional model.

— the JFS will have a non-sectarian intake encompassing the population from the surrounding geographical area which includes other minority groups such as Blacks and Greeks.

— the composition of the board of JFS will be altered in accordance to the law which stipulates that board memberships originate from the various sectors involved in the institution.

"The phenomenon of citizen participation on boards is not isolated to Montreal," Batshaw said, "it is the sign of the times."

"As residents of Quebec, we have the responsibility to live within Chapter 48, and to help the government and other sectors in health and social services by sharing our experience in the field."

According to Batshaw, the differences in opinion between JFS and AJCS consisted of how to operate within the new legislation, in view of the common objective of both AJCS and JFS to maintain the high standards and Jewish character of family services delivered to Jewish clients.

To further complicate matters the government has frozen the number of professional workers social service centres may employ. JFS however, will be required to service additional clients, a factor which may dilute the quality of community family programs.

AJCS will formally guarantee the agency at the forthcoming board of trustees meeting that a supplementary budget to meet the costs of new professionals will be granted from community coffers.

Batshaw said it is AJCS' intention "to work closely with JFS to oversee its operation in being alert to any incursion in the dilution of the Jewish character of services."

Since 1971, until the end of June, the government supported JFS to the financial tune of more than $300,000 a year, an amount that would be forefeited should JFS go private. Prior to 1971, JFS' major financial support originated from Allied Jewish Community Services.

JFS is the outgrowth of the original Baron de Hirsch Institute, an organization that has a colourful and vibrant 110-year history.

The Baron de Hirsch of the 19th Century was the original organization which led to the development of the multi-million dollar Allied Jewish Community Services of today — the umbrella covering 22 health, culture, immigration, senior citizen and youth agencies.

Early in December, JFS' board will vote on the acceptance of the AJCS resolution-guarantee, and subsequently, according to law, a meeting of JFS members who are contributors of $25 or more to AJCS will meet to ratify the agreement.

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PoWs may be dead, government believes

TEL AVIV –

The number of Israeli PoWs acknowledged by Egypt is surprisingly low and fear is expressed here that many of the missing men believed to have been taken prisoner may be dead. Their fate may be determined by mixed teams of Red Cross, medical and religious personnel of both sides who will undertake the grim task of searching the battlefield for bodies under terms of the Israeli-Egyptian agreement.

The families of some missing men were at Lod Airport last week, hoping that by some miracle their sons or husbands would be among the returnees even though their names were not reported. The bitter disappointment of those families contrasted with the tears of joy that flowed and a chorus of cheers when a loved one was recognized.

When the first Red Cross transport from Cairo landed there was tense silence until the doors were opened and the first wounded began to disembark. Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, Chief of Staff General David Elazar and Mrs. Nina Katzir, wife of President Ephraim Katzir, were there to greet the returnees. Dayan disappeared inside the plane to shake hands with the men.

The ambulatory wounded came down first, some leaning on crutches or canes, heads wreathed in bandages, smiles on their faces. Women soldiers handed each man a bouquet and placed bouquets on the chests of the more seriously wounded who were strapped to stretchers. All of the men were placed in ambulances and whisked away to the hospital as the crowds shouted and applauded.

Dayan told reporters at the airport that "finally we are getting somewhere, now that we are negotiating instead of fighting." Meanwhile, at the Shmuel Harofe Hospital, the first wounded Egyptian PoWs were preparing to leave. They wore green pajamas and were placed on stretchers and covered with blankets. To each blanket, hospital attendants pinned a medical history of the man containing details of his injury, the treatment he received and the results of x-rays and other tests. The Egyptians were a happy-looking lot. They showered the Israeli hospital staff with thanks and praise for the treatment they had received.

WEAPON BECOMES PLAYTHING

Children of Sedei Nechemia in Western Galilee play with a gasoline tank found next to shot-down plane. Frank Dimant, Canadian Zionist Federation, Central Region, executive director, brought this picture from Israel.

600% increase reported

TORONTO –

More than 100 women, from young marrieds to grandmothers, volunteered their services for the biggest telethon ever held by the United Jewish Appeal Women's Division. The downtown offices of Laventhol, Krekstein, Horwath and Horwath buzzed with activity last Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. when 7,000 cards were covered by callers.

Telethon chairman Fauna Lidsky and her co-chairmen Raisyl Wagman and Marcelle Esses report overall increases in this division of more than 600% over 1973. "The majority of the women we contacted responded most generously, some of them increasing their pledges from $5 to $180," Mrs. Lidsky declared. "Many who had already made contributions through sisterhoods and organizations made additional gifts."

Ida Kent, 1974 UJA Women's Division chairman stated: "We set out on this emergency campaign for a goal of two-and-a-half times the amount we raised last year. Judging from the response and everyone's awareness of Israel's urgent needs right now, it looks like we're definitely going to make it, but," she added, "we have to try harder. It still isn't enough."

Other divisions report the same enthusiastic responses by their canvassers, with spontaneous increases coming through in the business and professions, synagogues, societies and organizations.

The film and entertainment group held a well-attended Sunday brunch meeting at the home of Arthur Gelber. Chairman Moses Znaimer of CITY-TV, referred to himself as "an unorganized member of the organized Jewish community" and urged his colleagues in the arts and media to commit and involve themselves in fund-raising and whatever else they could do to show their solidarity in aiding Israel.

Carla Singer, CITY-TV director, was in Israel when the Yom Kippur War broke out and she gave a moving account of the enormous courage and stamina exhibited by all Israelis she encountered. "I brought back essays written by teenagers. They are incredibly optimistic with no sign of hatred," she remarked. "Peace is the keyword on each one."

Individual and group fund-raising is going on throughout the city. The Jewish Teachers' Alliance donated $5,000 to the emergency campaign. The money was raised by this relatively small core of teachers in the subsidized Hebrew schools of Toronto.

The Hakoah Sports and Cultural Club is sponsoring a week of two Israeli films at the Nortown Theatre from November 23 to 30, with all proceeds going to the UJA.

The UJA head office staff and volunteers are working around the clock to keep up with the vast number of receipts that have to be sent out. All Toronto contributors who made their gift to the United Israel Appeal office in Toronto will receive receipts from the UJA in due course.

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No one thought that war was imminent, Dayan says

TEL AVIV (JTA) –

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan has said the Israeli government and military firmly believed, up until the morning of Yom Kippur, that there would be no war and for that reason mobilization of the reserves was not ordered.

Addressing army officers on the Northern front, Dayan said he did not expect war to break out and he had heard no one else say war was imminent. Dayan was replying, in effect, to charges by leaders of the opposition Likud faction in the Knesset that the government's failure to mobilize before Yom Kippur morning constituted gross negligence and was responsible for Israel's high casualties in the war.

He said, however, that he did order certain precautionary measures which he considered necessary in light of certain intelligence reports. But he insisted the reports gave no grounds to assume war was at hand.

Commerce and Industry Minister General Haim Bar Lev, addressing a Labor Party meeting, said there was no basic deficiency in the Israeli army when war broke out. Bar Lev, a former chief of staff who was recalled to active duty and served on the Egyptian front, said the Israeli army on the whole was in a state of readiness on Oct. 6 but was caught at a moment when not all of its components were fully prepared for battle.

Too high a price?

Atkey says Canada found itself used as 'wild card'

OTTAWA –

Has Canada paid too high a price for merely saying that Israel has the right to exist behind secure and recognized boundaries?

Ron Atkey, Conservative member for Toronto – St. Paul's, asked this question in the House of Commons last week, in the course of a review of events leading up to Canada's participation in the United Nations Emergency Force now stationed in the Middle East.

"We allowed our participation to be bargained by the Soviets like a wild card in a poker game," Atkey declared. "We suddenly found ourselves cast in the role of an advocate of NATO and the U.S. -- to be traded off against the participation of Poland representing the Warsaw Pact.

"Consider the implications of that," the Toronto M.P. told the House. "Being traded off against Poland in the context of a peacekeeping force in the Middle East. Poland, a country that doesn't even have diplomatic relations with Israel; a country that has openly supported the blatantly pro-Arab policies of the Soviet Union."

Atkey said Poland experienced a wave of anti-Semitism after the 1967 Six Day War and most Jews were purged from all senior positions in government and industry and eventually driven out of the country.

"This is the country where the human ovens of the concentration camps during the Holocaust may have burned the brightest, even brighter than in Germany," Atkey charged.

"This is the country against which Canada was traded off in UNEF. Does this allow us to continue calling ourselves neutral peacemakers? Can we maintain the integrity of our supposedly neutral stance and our history of fairmindness, or have we been thrust into the role of advocate from one of the big power blocs, a counter-balancing surrogate to satisfy the diplomatic maneouvring of Egypt, the very country which kicked us out in 1967?"

Atkey wondered if the assurances received from the Egyptians today are any more valid or complete than those given in 1956. In practical terms, is the mandate of the UNEF any more sound than the mandate given 17 years ago, he asked.

"Indeed, is it legitimate for Canadians to ask whether the creation of the protective umbrella of UNEF in the Middle East is really worth all the trouble if the moment it starts to rain one of the parties makes us take it away?" he asked.

Batshaw honored in Quebec

From our Quebec Bureau

MONTREAL –

Judge Harry Batshaw, a prominent figure in inter-faith and Zionist affairs, was named citizen of the year by the members of the Association of Citizens of the World in Quebec.

Over 1,000 guests, paying $60 a plate, attended the yearly awards banquet, the second in the association's history.

Judge Batshaw was awarded the honor as Quebec co-chairman of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, and in 1967 he received the Human Relations Award for his contribution in promoting better understanding and co-operation among the people of Canada.

In 1962 he was awarded the Medal of Merit from the French government for helping to promote good relations between France and Canada. In 1963 he helped found the Amities Culturelles Canada-Francais-Israel of which he is co-chairman with Dr. Leon Lortie of the University of Montreal.

Although the Association of Citizens of the World in Quebec is only two years old, the prestigious organization has made inroads into government offices. Six of its board members have been appointed to the 15-member consultative commission to the minister of immigration.

Judge Batshaw, Quebec's first Jewish Superior Court judge, is an honorary vice-president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, and a member of the Court of Honor of the World Zionist Organization.

He is co-president, with Rene Cassin of France, of the Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations, a non-governmental organization having consultative status at the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Judge Batshaw has also participated in numerous human rights meetings, and has represented Canada at several conferences. He is co-founder and chairman of the board of trustees of the Canadian Human Rights Foundation.

Eshel will attend Israel Bond night

TORONTO –

One of Israel's most distinguished diplomats, Ambassador Tamar Eshel, will visit Toronto Dec. 9, as Israel's official representative at this year's Israel Bond Chanukah observance at the O'Keefe Centre.

It is expected nearly 10,000 Toronto Bond supporters will attend, the largest number ever to participate in the annual community event. This is made possible by adding an extra performance to the customary matinee and evening presentations.

Every effort is being made to accommodate the vastly increased number of new Israel Bond purchasers who came to Israel's aid during the Yom Kippur War crisis, and who are now eligible for tickets to attend the Chanukah festival.

Gifted performers from Israel, the U.S. and Canada will combine their talents to make this year's Israel Bond Chanukah presentation the most stirring and meaningful ever, and a fitting climax to a year of both tragedy and triumph for Israel and the entire Jewish people.

"It will be an occasion as well for our community to re-dedicate ourselves to the goal of an Israel -- its

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Israel Tourism Minister Moshe Kol (left) greets Canadian Zionist Federation President Philip Givens in Jerusalem. Givens is heading Dec. 10 Masada Pilgrimage to Israel.

Must get Israel tourism moving again, says Givens

TORONTO –

Israel's economy has taken a beating as a result of the war and tourism is one of the chief sufferers, Phil Givens, national president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, said this week.

"It's of crucial importance that Canadian Jews make plans to visit Israel now, not next spring or summer but right now," Givens said shortly after returning from Israel where he led a small working delegation of Zionist leaders. "The war has left Israelis with a deep feeling of loneliness, and this is particularly noticeable in the cities."

The CZF president said visitors to Israel should take gifts of candy and other items with them for the wounded in hospital. Visits from non-Israelis are great morale boosters, he said.

Other members of the delegation were Max Shecter, national vice-president, CZF; Frank Dimant, CZF Central Region executive director, and Dr. Leon Kronitz, CZF executive vice-president. All have been fulfilling speaking engagements at synagogues and meetings of Jewish organizations, telling of their visit to Israel and the urgent need to get the wheels of tourism started again.

The CZF delegation met with leading members of the Israeli cabinet and made final arrangements for the Masada pilgrimage, which was to have taken place last month but had to be postponed. The pilgrimage will observe the 1,900th anniversary of the heroic defence of the fort of Masada and the pilgrims will pay tribute to Israel's war dead and those who were wounded in her defence.

The pilgrimage will leave Montreal by El Al, Dec. 10 and it is expected president Givens will lead a sizeable group for the 10-day visit. Israel's national airline has resumed trips from Montreal after a lapse due to the war.

World News

French-Jewish military officers under investigation

PARIS (JCNS) -

All French officers of Jewish origin are being investigated by the security services. The claim is made in L'Aurore, a pro-Israeli French daily, which states that the investigation is being carried out at the request of Arab governments. The newspaper denounces the alleged "witch hunt" at French military bases.

According to L'Aurore, the origin of the security check was the destruction of a French-made radar station in southern Lebanon by Israeli fighter-bombers during the Yom Kippur War. Some sources claim that some 20 members of the radar station's crew were, in fact, French military men in mufti. The Israelis had discovered that the radar station was monitoring the movement of Israeli aircraft over Israeli territory and allegedly informing the Syrians.

A French military mission visited Lebanon soon after the bombing, says L'Aurore, with the task of discovering how the Israelis had learned of the radar station's monitoring activities. In addition, a special report prepared for the French government recently, disclosed the Israelis have comprehensive knowledge of all arms' purchases made in France by Arab countries. This has added to the suspicion that members of the French military are giving away information to the Israelis.

The newspaper claims there have been acts of sabotage carried out at air bases where Arab pilots are being trained. L'Aurore says that neither the Arabs or Israeli agents can be blamed for such acts -- the suspicion falls on French military personnel.

Apparently there have been clashes between French servicemen and Arabs. One incident took place in the southern French town of Tarbes, where Iraqi officers shocked local people by publicly toasting the destruction of Israel. At Perpignan, Paul Alduy, the Socialist mayor has protested against the arrival of 19 Libyans in the town for training on helicopters. He emphasized that the local population included many former French citizens from North Africa whose sentiments towards Arabs were less than friendly.

Finally, the French government ordered an investigation by the Territorial Security, a branch of the French police, to examine the civilian side of the inquiry. L'Aurore notes that SDECO, French military intelligence service, has remained outside the affair because of the alleged sympathy of its members for Israel. Instead, investigations inside the French forces are being carried out by the military police.

An Israeli soldier on a short leave is welcomed home by his family. Photo was taken by Jacob El-Baz, a Toronto photographer who returned to his native land shortly after the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War last month.

Badly hurt clarinet lover raises lump in the throat

By ROYSTON ALLEN
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV -

There are countless tales of heroism, blood and thunder coming out of the Arab-Israeli war and also many which raise a lump in the throat.

One such story was told to me by Israeli clarinet player Giora Feidman who has been giving solo concerts to wounded soldiers since the early days of the war.

"Apart from classical and Jewish soul music I also play jazz," he said, "and a few days ago while doing the rounds at the Tel Hashomer Hospital, a couple approached me and asked me to play for their son who lay in a room there.

"He is mad about jazz and especially the jazz clarinet," they said. "So I went into his room with them and their son lay on the bed almost totally covered with burns - virtually every inch of his body either bandaged or covered with some medication.

"He lay flat on his back and never moved, even when I started to play.

"For 10 or 15 minutes, I blew cool jazz music and the parents implored me to go on when I stopped after about three-quarters of an hour."

Giora carried on playing and then noticed the body on the bed was making croaking noises.

He played softer and suddenly realized the croaking issuing from the burned soldier's throat was actually humming.

"He was humming to the music I was playing," Giora said, his eyes glistening with the memory.

"I went into a wild jazz number and the humming carried on, then I broke down and had to leave.

"All the blood and gore and broken bodies I have seen over the past few weeks didn't affect me as much as that single soldier. With all he had been through and with all he has yet to suffer, he was still able to listen to my music and concentrate on it through the pain."

Another tale involves two Israeli photographers in Egypt.

According to a local Hebrew paper, armed with nothing but their cameras, they captured 20 Egyptians.

It was made out to be an exploit of heroes - "non-military personnel take Arabs prisoner." Three cheers for heroic Israelis.

It did not mention they were reservists doing their duty as photographers.

One of the pair, Shlomo Arad, personally told a slightly different tale.

"True, we were taking photographs of a captured Egyptian missile site," he said, "but the truth is, we came upon a group of half-starved Egyptian soldiers almost dying of thirst who flung themselves down and kissed our feet when we appeared.

"All they wanted was to be taken prisoner so they could eat and drink.

"They tied each other up thankfully and almost joyfully made their way to join other POWs. The poor blighters did not need threats - they were just human beings in need."

Chancellor Willy Brandt

'Special Israeli relations untouched'

STRASSBOURG, (JTA) -

Chancellor Willy Brandt has told the European Parliament here that West Germany's support of the recent Middle East resolution of the nine Common Market countries would in no way affect the "special relations" between Bonn and Israel.

"Nobody will be surprised if I say here that Israeli - German relations have a special character. This characteristic remains untouched. For us there can be no neutrality of the heart and of the conscience," he said.

The resolution of the nine EEC nations adopted in Brussels supported most of the Arab positions in the Middle East conflict. It has been denounced by Israel and others as supine surrender to Arab oil blackmail.

Brandt referred to the Arab oil boycott of Holland, saying "this is not the way to make friends. Threats and blackmail can only obstruct constructive developments."

But he defended West Germany's position on the Brussels resolution grounds of European unity.

"A choir of contradictory European voices is of no help to anybody, but political unity has its price," the West German leader said. "It demands discarding accents which some of the member states might want to set more strongly than others. This seems to be unavoidable but people will have to get used to it," he said.

Speaking in the course of a Bundestag debate in Bonn, Brandt said the EEC resolution on the Middle East was the first attempt to work toward implementing Security Council Resolution 242. It was also an attempt "to break the vicious circle of violence through reason and argumentation," he said.

Netherlands Premier Joopden Uyl reaffirmed that his government's acceptance of the resolution does not conflict with the Netherlands' traditional policy in the Middle East. The Dutch government has always supported the existence of the state of Israel as well as the recognition of Palestinian rights as was set forth in the EEC document, he said. But the Dutch government did dispatch a top diplomat to Saudi Arabia to convince King Faisal to lift the oil boycott imposed by the Arabs on Holland. The diplomat, former Dutch ambassador in Washington, Johan H.H. van Royen, met with Faisal and top Saudi aides. Official circles in The Hague stress the Dutch government's embarrassment of well-meaning expressions of gratitude it has received from Jews all over the world.

Slaughter by Syrians of 68 Israelis 'barbaric'

PARIS (JTA) -

The barbaric behavior of Syrian soldiers against Israeli soldiers was described here by a Deputy who just returned from Israel.

Pierre de Benouville, president of the France-Israel Parliamentary Committee and a member of the parliamentary majority, told a press conference here that he saw 68 Israeli soldiers on the Golan Heights with "their throats cut like animals in a slaughter house." Describing what he termed the barbaric behavior of the Syrian soldiers, he stated this was evidence that the Syrian aggressors intended to exterminate Israel.

Both de Benouville and Roger Chinaud, another Deputy who also just returned from Israel, asserted that the fourth Israeli-Arab war was a war of destruction against the Jewish state. During the press conference given by the "French Committee for Solidarity With Israel," the two Deputies said the enormous military equipment employed by the Arabs indicated that they sought not only to recover the occupied territories but also the "extermination of the Israeli people."

The two Deputies warned against the Soviet threat to Europe in the Middle East. They said that in supporting the Arab nations in the war, the Soviet Union sought to obtain a foothold in the Mideast from which it could dominate Europe strategically through its position in Europe's southern flank.

Meanwhile, evidence has been found that Syrians murdered Israeli prisoners captured at the beginning of the Yom Kippur War. A crew of the Israeli Ordinance Corps, salvaging captured tanks near Khoushaniyeh, reported the discovery of the bodies of 12 Israeli soldiers buried beneath a pile of stones.

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More Israel in Jewish education is Roth's goal

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Assistant Editor

TORONTO –

Simcha Roth seeks to inject more about Israel today into Jewish education in Canada.

The 48-year-old Israeli, a senior inspector of schools in that country's ministry of education, has come to Canada as national director and special emissary to the Canadian Zionist Federation's department of education and culture.

Here in Toronto for less than two months, he will, if requested by schools, help bring in more programs about Israel and improved methods and programing in Hebrew subjects -- both language and culturally.

The erudite, Hungarian-born educator left Israel for the first time since arriving there 25 years ago. He feels it will be quite an experience for he, his wife and two children to get to know the Jewish people of Canada. "Israelis are so involved in their own problems that they seldom give thought to the outside world other than in the political sense."

He expressed amazement over how the Jewish communities here mobilized when the Yom Kippur War broke out. He spoke at several meetings in Toronto and in smaller provincial centres during the crisis.

Simcha Roth

Roth refused any comment yet on the level of Hebrew education here, but did say he was impressed with the number of Hebrew schools and the number of people involved in education.

Interviewed in his tiny office in the Zionist Centre, the square-jawed educator with grey-black hair and lively green eyes spoke about his long background in education in quick-paced English with a Hungarian-Israeli accent.

Son of a Jewish educator from the town of Kisvarda, he left the seminary where he was studying to go into the underground during the Second World War. After coming to Israel, he taught in a camp for newcomers from Yemen "who seemed as though they came from the Stone Ages."

For seven years, he served as headmaster for a school for culturally-deprived children in Ramat Hasharon near Tel Aviv.

"More than 50% of the school population in Israel under the age of 14 are culturally deprived," said Roth. "Their parents come from Arab-speaking countries and their families consist of more than five children. And the parents did not finish elementary schools and they have a low income."

He said there are experimental programs underway, but "we don't know what exactly is the right one."

Roth, who received an MA in education from University of Tel Aviv, as a supervisor in the education ministry, looks after 20 schools regarding manpower, in-service training and budget. He also works as a part-time teacher in a teacher's college.

As a reservist, he is adviser to the Israeli defence forces headquarter's staff culture and education department. The military is trying to correct what civilian authorities failed to do with some of the soldiers.

A six-week course is given after enrolment and before service ends, soldiers are sent to get a diploma that they finished elementary school.

Interfaith conference

Breaking down barriers

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO –

An attempt to break down barriers and build bridges of understanding between the Jewish, Anglican and Roman Catholic communities achieved some progress at a weekend inter-faith conference. It was held at Holy Blossom Temple, Church of Our Lady of the Assumption and Church of St. Clement.

The 54 participants, evenly divided among the three faiths, ranged in age from middle teens to the 70s. After a weekend of getting to know one another, one discussion group observed that development has to be slow, if it is to be meaningful and to comprise understanding. The dialogical process, they felt, would lead to "seeds of understanding."

The disclosure that the Anglican prayerbook contains a prayer for the conversion of Jews, provided an embarassing few moments for members of the Christian faith. Existence of this prayer came as a shock to the Anglican participants.

"The majority of Anglicans probably don't know of its existence," one Anglican said. "In any event, this prayer is no longer used."

Another group admitted that amongst Gentiles there is "a lot of envy of the Jewish community because they are a close knit group, and also, because their religion seems to mean more to them."

It was felt that anti-Semitism has two prongs, one aimed at the political state of Israel and the other at individuals. The on-going effects of anti-Semitism were summed up by one group. "In early childhood, discrimination against many Jews has left scars."

All non-Jewish participants were quick to concede their communities should make a greater effort to understand the concept of Israel held by Diaspora Jewry. Agreeing with this, but adding an additional rider to the clause of understanding, Rev. Peter F. Gilbert, director of the Christian-Jewish dialogue program of the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches of Toronto, told **The Canadian Jewish News**: "The Jewish community must make a greater effort in public relations, to the Christian community, concerning issues in the Middle East. The Christians don't express themselves enough on the issue, but on the other hand, no one comes to the Christian community."

Gilbert explained "our religious identities do divide us, and at the simplest level, do ghettoize us." Despite ghettoized conditions, Gilbert, a Presbyterian minister who exhibits a fair degree of fluency in Hebrew, seemed optimistic about inter-faith dialogue, which dates back 11 years to the initial efforts of Roland de Corneille, now national director for the League for Human Rights.

Through dialogue, Gilbert felt that a slow breakdown of prejudice will occur as it becomes accepted that "one's values don't have to be compared to others."

Charges to test act: Kayfetz

TORONTO –

Charges laid recently under the Hate Literature Act against two Western Guard Party members will be a deterrent against the rash of racist slogans appearing around the city, hopes a Canadian Jewish Congress official.

Ben Kayfetz, CJC, Central Region, executive director, told **The Canadian Jewish News**: "We trust that this will be a good test of the hate propaganda act and that it will help put an end to the anti-Jewish and anti-Black hate scrawling appearing in public and private places."

Police charged Gary Miller, 19, of Jones Ave. and Armand Siksna, 30, of Ashdale Ave. with "public incitement of hatred" for wording on construction boarding at Shallmar Blvd. and Bathurst St.

Both face up to two years' imprisonment if convicted under the act, which is being invoked for the first time.

UJA President's Mission is expecting 60 on board

TORONTO –

Toronto's first President's Mission, headed by 1974 campaign chairman Murray B. Koffler and Mrs. Koffler, leaves for Israel on Monday, Nov. 26, via El Al.

About 60 Toronto men and women make up the mission and it is expected they will be joined by another 20 from Winnipeg.

A visit with Israel President Ephraim Katzir, dinner meetings with Prime Minister Meir, Abba Eban and Moshe Dayan, and trips to the Golan Heights and Suez are scheduled.

A special feature of the mission will be the dedication of the John Bassett Sports and Cultural Centre at Yotvata. It is expected that Bassett will be on hand for the occasion.

Koffler said the aim of the mission is to gather first-hand information on how the people of Israel are faring as a result of the war. "We want to be able to report back to the community on how we can best continue to do our share to help Israel," he said.

The mission will return on Dec. 5 and will report its findings at a special meeting of UJA campaign leadership to be held on Monday, Dec. 10 at the Inn on the Park.

The CJN places three in finals

All three entries by **The Canadian Jewish News** in the Boris Smolar Awards for excellence in Jewish journalism finished among the 11 finalists, it was announced here last week.

The results of the second annual competition among North American English-language Jewish newspapers were announced at the yearly convention of The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds here. There were 50 entries in the competition.

The CJN finalists were: Editor Ralph Hyman for a selection of editorials from June '72 to May '73; Quebec Bureau Chief Mark Medicoff for his four-part series on the Arabs in Canada; and education writer Patricia Rucker for her four-part series on Jewish education in Toronto.

The CJN was the only newspaper to have three finalists. The only other paper with more than one was the **San Francisco Jewish Bulletin** which had two. **The CJN** presentation to the Smolar Awards committee was organized by Assistant Editor Lewis Levendel.

Winner in the editorials and columns category was former **CJN** book reviewer Arnold Ages of Toronto, editor of **The Canadian Jewish Chronicle Review**. Ages is a French professor at the University of Waterloo and consultant on adult education at Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Other winners were Murray Zuckoff of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in the series competition and freelancer Raphael Rothstein in the general reporting category.

The announcement of the winners was made in New Orleans by Jerold C. Hoffberger, general chairman of the Smolar Awards committee. Boris Smolar is editor emeritus of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Formal presentations of the awards will be made at the quarterly CJWF meeting in New York in March.

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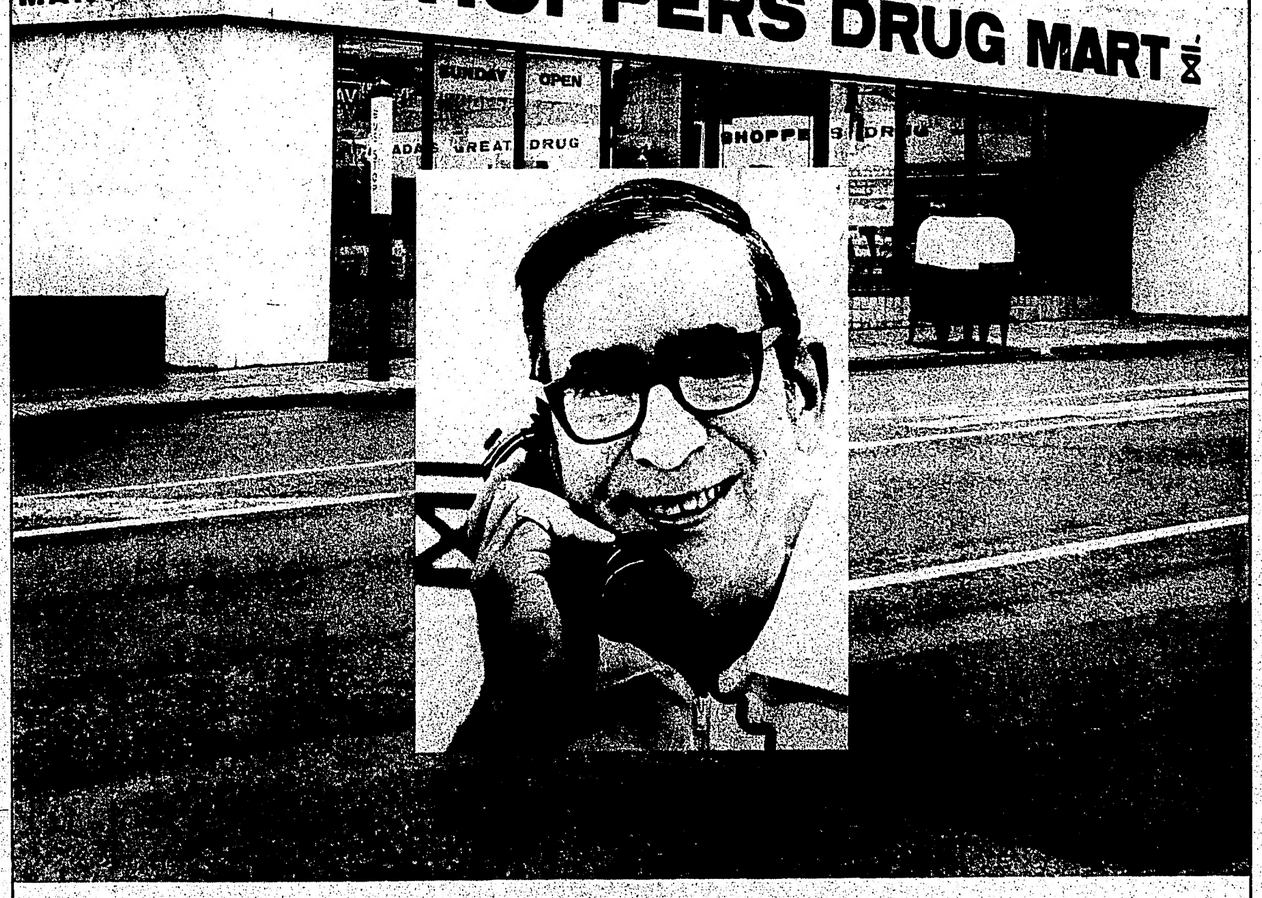

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Israel has no better friend than Canada's former leader

There is no more fitting person in Canada to be an honoree at a Jewish National Fund Negev Dinner than John G. Diefenbaker. The Toronto dinner Dec. 5 at the Royal York Hotel will pay tribute to the former prime minister.

If recent events of history have reminded us of anything, it is that the Jewish people have few friends. John Diefenbaker is one. He has never been one of the fair-weather friends of Jews and Israel.

The first speaker in the recent debate in Parliament on the Mid-East, he said there was no purpose to Canada's even-handedness because Israel had been a victim of an Arab attack.

No matter what one's political leaning may be, there are few who would disagree that Mr. Diefenbaker has been one of our best friends in high places.

No voice has spoken more strongly in favor of ethnic and minority rights over the years than John Diefenbaker. His personal philosophy, transformed into practical action through his efforts in Parliament, strengthened the rights of minorities. The Bill of Rights of 1960 is ample testimony of that.

Among the honors he has received is the Israel Prime Minister's Medal in 1967 and the Human Relations Award of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews in 1969. The veteran politician, who has been to Israel twice, sees that country as the fulfillment of biblical prophecies.

To honor the 78-year-old parliamentarian, the JNF is building the John G. Diefenbaker Parkway in Canada Park, a 7,500-acre project located between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. The 10-mile parkway will follow the natural contour of the land and will provide one of the most scenic routes developed in a land where expanses of green and lush countryside are scarce.

By means of this dinner, the parkway will become a permanent, tangible expression of tribute to Mr. Diefenbaker.

Canada Park is to serve the recreational needs of Israel and the parkway will add to the enhancement of the entire project and to the enjoyment of its people, hemmed in on all sides by unfriendly neighbors and living in many instances in a claustrophobic environment. The project will preserve the ecology of the entire area and will create hundreds of employment opportunities.

The JNF since its inception at the turn of the century has performed miracles in developing the wilderness and reclaiming the soil to provide the foundations for the state. In the 1970s, the organization will concentrate on helping alleviate the concrete jungles of the urbanized areas. No finer example of this is the Canada Park project.

The Negev Dinner is one of our largest annual Jewish affairs and it gives us the opportunity to pay tribute to a great Canadian. No doubt this 26th annual dinner will bring a tremendous outpouring of deserved affection and respect for Mr. Diefenbaker.

Economic problems due to war will yield to dedicated effort

One of the Arab propagandists' favorite prognostications has it that Israel — the "artificial" creation of Zionist imperialism — cannot hold out under long-term pressure, that if the screws are gradually tightened the Jewish state will collapse.

Although experience has disproven this thesis several times (Nasser's war of attrition, for instance, bankrupted Egypt, not Israel), it should be re-examined in the light of the present situation.

With months — perhaps years — of tension ahead, Israel will have to strain all her resources. Can the country stand such an effort? Is this after all a nation of "sunshine patriots," capable of six-day victories, but unable to bear the burden of prolonged stress and danger?

The economy faces strain under three separate headings: manpower, supply, foreign exchange. Foreign observers have estimated the Israel army at about 300,000 men when fully mobilized — something like one quarter of the labor force.

Naturally output suffers when all or many of these people are away from their jobs; the fact they include key personnel as well as those in the most active age categories, only makes the problem more severe.

According to one estimate, the first two weeks of fighting resulted in a 50% drop in the gross national product, the total of all goods and services produced. Since the ceasefire, great efforts have been made to improve this performance but even so the economy probably is operating at no more than 75% of its normal capacity.

However, lines of production discontinued will not affect essentials such as food, clothing and similar daily necessities. In such industries, manpower shortages can and will be covered by various expedients, such as the return of pensioners, part-time employment for teenagers after school and the growing number of volunteers from abroad.

In factories there will be more overtime. Highly motivated workers will turn out more than peace time labor relations would have suggested.

Supply is a more difficult question. The future is not likely to offer Israelis the variety of goods they have come to take for granted. However, cutbacks should affect mainly frills and not essentials.

Additionally, the government is taking action clearly designed to lower the standard of living. Fuel prices and electric power rates already have gone up between 30 and 50%. It is safe to predict greater indirect taxes, especially on imports and certain "luxuries", such as home appliances and automobiles. The public seems ready to accept such decisions: many now believe the last few years of prosperity constituted a fool's paradise which Israel cannot afford.

The foreign trade gap is likely to widen even further because of defence imports and, at least, a relative drop in exports. Production facilities are bound to be pre-empted by more immediate needs than the penetration of foreign markets.

This fact alone could spell bankruptcy, with political and military effects, as well as economic ones. Fortunately, however, Israel does not stand alone. Part of the cost of re-armament will be covered by U.S. government grants.

Within hours of the Egyptian and Syrian attack, Jewish leaders on all continents expressed their identification with Israel in terms of hard cash. Amounts unthinkable even in 1967 were raised within days or hours.

This hard currency income will enable Israel to carry on until peace is won and the nation can once again devote itself to construction.

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Christian attitude toward Jews brings down wrath of clergyman

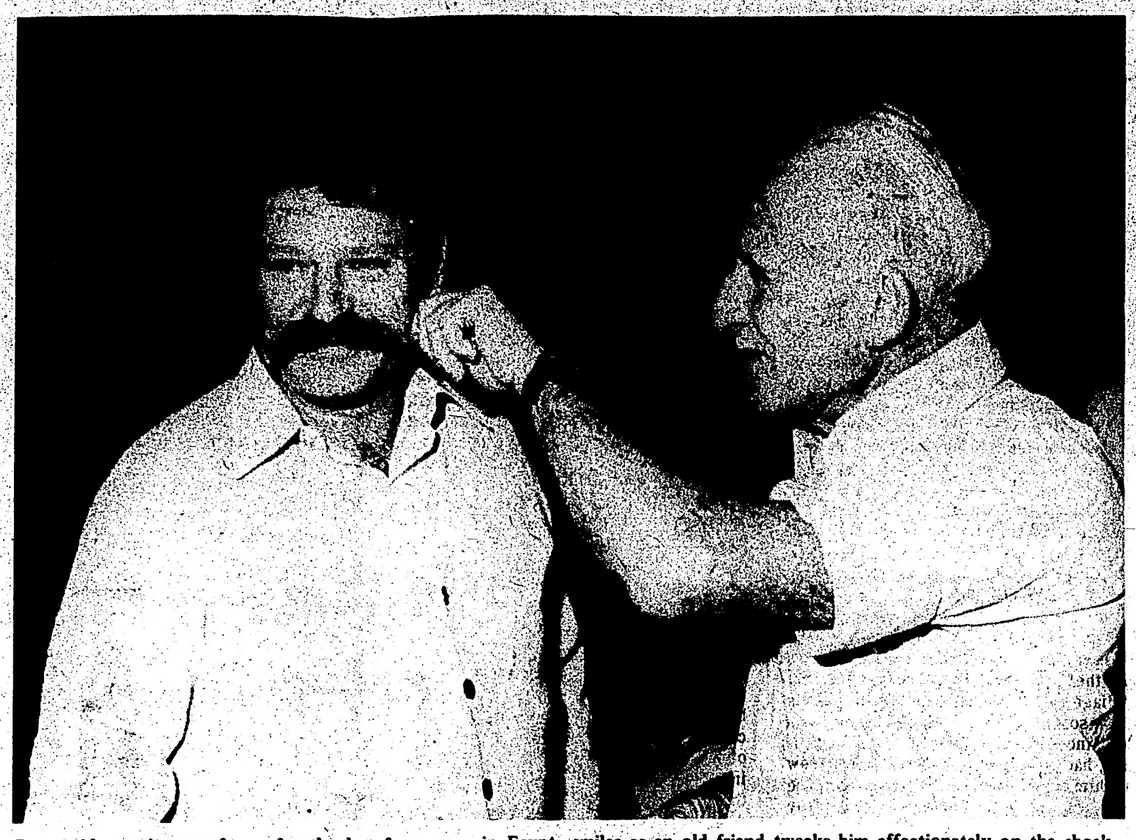
"In times of stress for the Jew, the Christian has been found wanting in terms of word followed by deed."

These are not the words of a Jewish public figure angered by what he feels is the silence of the Christian world in the face of Israel's peril. They are the words of a Christian clergyman who believes Christianity is not to be trusted by Jewry in time of need.

Rev. Dr. William Watters is a graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary and holds a doctorate in Judaica from Iowa State University. His credentials as a theologian are above question. So are his credentials as a concerned human being.

Here is an excerpt from an article he wrote in **The Jerusalem Post:**

"For Jewry, even the most enlightened Christians of the past have been notoriously neutral and ambivalent towards their needs as a people. So I believe they will be again. As Christians, therefore, our cry to Israel must be, 'don't count on us for help. Help yourselves; no one really cares! Don't trust us! In the safety and quiet of the lecture hall and dialogue table we will voice all sorts of aid and comfort. Yet when your life is challenged, don't look to us. Save yourselves.' "



Dan Avidan, prisoner of war for the last four years in Egypt, smiles as an old friend tweaks him affectionately on the cheek. The 39-year-old soldier—farmer arrived back unexpectedly at his kibbutz. His mustache was the envy of Egyptian officers. (IPPA)

What Really Happened?

Oath issue is finally resolved

By A.J. ARNOLD

A. J. Arnold

In February 1834, the Canadian Governor General, Lord Aylmer, asked the Lower Canada Assembly to investigate the problem still impeding the right of Jews to public office with the aim of finally clarifying the situation. The assembly appointed a special committee to do this under the chairmanship of R. J. Kimber and hearings were held from Feb. 15 to 25, 1834.

The chairman then submitted a report which concluded that no legislative changes were required. Kimber claimed the only persons who actually objected to the existing law were Benjamin Hart and Moses Hayes who "put their own interpretation on the statute," instead of taking the oath as Samuel B. Hart did "who now holds the office of Justice of the Peace" in Trois Rivieres.

A close examination of the evidence brought before the Kimber committee, indicates there was certainly more involved than a difference of interpretation among the Jews themselves. Attorney General Charles Richard Ogden refused to give an opinion as to what ammendments should be made to the recently adopted law to allow Jews to hold a "Commission of the Peace." He did explain, however, that the most recent bill on the Jews, passed by the British House of Commons but defeated by the Lords provided for ommission from the oath of the words "on the true faith of a Christian." This provision was not included in the Lower Canada Assembly bill of 1832.

The next witness, Aaron Ezekiel Hart, brother of Samuel B., and himself a barrister, fully supported his brother's position from a legal point of view. He disclosed that after Benjamin Hart and Hayes declined their appointments, the attorney general wanted to drop Samuel Hart's name as well.

Another witness was Mordecai Adolphus Hart, another brother of Samuel B. and a lawyer. M.A. Hart testified that his uncle Benjamin Hart had told him that, apart from getting the legal opinion of Aaron Philip Hart, they had received a letter from the attorney general advising them to decline the appointments because of the oath problem. Samuel B. Hart told the committee that he had received a letter from his uncle Benjamin advising him to decline the appointment for the same reason. He testified further that according to his information the attorney general had also written to "Mr. O'Sullivan, the present solicitor general to induce" Benjamin Hart and Hayes not to accept their appointments.

Moses Hayes, the last witness, told the committee his decision to decline the appointment was based solely in information from Benjamin Hart and the opinion of Aaron Philip Hart. Hayes said he did not consult any crown law officer himself and did not know whether Benjamin Hart did so.

The appendix to the committee report included a letter written by Samuel Hart to the attorney general in October, 1833, accusing him of being associated "with those frequent acts of oppression and injustice . . . committed towards me . . . to exclude me from the enjoyment of my rights as a British subject . . . ."

The committee report had no response from Ogden to this letter.

Another letter in the appendix from H. Craig, the governor's secretary, advised Hayes and Benjamin Hart in June, 1833, that the governor would write the Colonial Secretary of State, E.G. Stanley in London to seek legislative redress of the problem in the way of their appointment. The governor did write but without any apparent result. This likely prompted Governor Aylmer to turn back to the Lower Canada Assembly for an investigation. Even after the Kimber committee brought in its report, however, Samuel Hart's method of securing his appointment in Trois Rivieres was obviously not considered a binding precedent.

Three years later Arthur Wellington Hart, son of Benjamin Hart, wrote to the new Colonial Secretary Lord Glenelg, asking again for a solution to the oath problem. A reply came from an aide to Lord Glenelg saying "it is not within his Lordship's power" to afford the relief requested and placing the responsibility with "the legislature of Lower Canada and not with his majesty's government to alter the oath required . . . within the limits of that province . . ."

Seven weeks later when Lower Canada was on the eve of open rebellion, the Imperial government discovered it did have the power after all to make appointments in the colony regardless of religious background. Moses Hayes and Benjamin Hart were named magistrates on Aug. 5, 1837, in a document reportedly signed by Queen Victoria.

Samuel Becancour Hart was already serving as a Justice of the Peace as Trois Rivieres, and the legality of his qualification was attested to in the findings of the Kimber Committee. It thus appears that the first Jewish magistrate in Canada owed his appointment to the liberality of the French Canadian oath commissioner Joseph Badeaux rather than the magnanimity of Queen Victoria.

Next: The Oath Charade in the Pacific Colonies.

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ask the rabbi

Mitzva activity not only fulfilling of commandment but any good act

1. Does performance of a mitzva simply mean the fulfillment of a commandment?

The root of the word mitzva means "to command," so that the usual meaning of mitzva is the fulfillment of a commandment. Its opposite is avera (from a root meaning "to pass by"), a transgression or sin. But while this is the normal meaning of the term, it is sometimes used in the rabbinic literature, for example, for any good deed, even where no direct fulfillment of a commandment is involved.

For instance, there is a rabbinic saying that it is a mitzva "to calculate cycles and planetary courses," that is, to study astronomy as revealing the majesty of God's creation. Hillel is reported as saying that when he went to have a bath he was going to perform a mitzva. The example is given of keeping the statues of the emperor clean, man being created in God's image.

There is also the idea found in medieval sources that the Patriarchs kept the precepts not because they were commanded so to do (the Torah not having been given at that time), but because the perfect man responds of his own accord to the good life without requiring any command.

Again, some of the moralists say that, from the ethical point of view, there are no optional acts. If anything is necessary for man to do it is a mitzva, if unnecessary an avera. In Yiddish, the term mitzva is used for any benevolent act and the avera for anything useless or wasteful.

However, a rabbinic opinion holds it to be more meritorious to do something without being commanded. The reason appears to be psychological. It is notoriously difficult to respond to the call of duty, whereas voluntary acts are comparatively easy to carry out.

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Letters to the Editor

Congress faulted in kosher profiteering

Dear Editor:

A black mark for The Canadian Jewish Congress.

We all know about the rise of kosher meat prices at the beginning of this year due to the rise in the price of cattle and the meat shortage. For the past two months, the price of cattle has dropped drastically. However, the price of kosher meat has remained at the all time high.

The kashruth department of the Canadian Jewish Congress is the recognized authority on kosher meat in Toronto. They have the right to regulate, accept and reject applications for kosher slaughterhouses, butcher stores and caterers in the name of our community. They have a virtual monopoly in this area. They, therefore, have a responsibility to make sure that those people who maintain kashruth and support the Kihilah concept (community responsibility) are not fleeced by situational profiteers.

If this is not done, the responsibility for questionable Hashgachot and further splits within the Jewish Community rests with the kashruth department of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Esther Burack,
Toronto

'Offensive inferences'

Dear Editor:

Open rebuke is better than love that is hidden; who so loves knowledge loves correction, but he that is brutish hates reproof. (Proverbs)

In this spirit, I would like to admonish my friend Morley Pape for a statement that is more outrageous than unfortunate. Knowing Morley Pape as a charming and sincere gentleman with whom I enjoy a cordial and friendly relationship, I am shocked to see him utter a statement that smacks of offensive ignorance and vicious acrimony. He states: "The fact of the matter is that we're living in a chaotic world. I've heard cases of Jewish youth going over to Hare Krishna, Zen Buddhism, and even Orthodox Jewry. They don't want to think for themselves." (CJN, Nov. 9)

Morley Pape makes two utterly ridiculous and offensive implications: One, not only is it chaotic for Jewish youth "going over" to Orthodox Jewry, but he could more readily understand and accept their going over to Hare Krishna and Zen than to the roots of their own heritage in the traditional life of Torah and mitzvoth. Secondly, those that decide to return to their own roots and tradition do not think for themselves and do so ignorantly and irrationally. Moreover, he states that to rebel against Orthodoxy and to accept Reform is the "more enlightened approach" and the result of being forced "to think for yourself."

To provoke internal strife and to enter into division debates in these trying times when the concepts of Klal Yisrael and Ahavat Yisrael are so paramount, is highly insensitive to say the least. But such pronouncements in the public media may not be allowed to pass without protest and challenge. I simply ask my friend Morley Pape: just who are those Jewish youngsters deciding to become more religious, or, lehavdil, to join non-Jewish groups? With few exceptions they are the very youngsters that grew up in Reform temples and environment where they were taught "to think for themselves" and reached a point of religious and intellectual dissatisfaction.

I am yet to hear, and publicly challenge Morley Pape, to produce one single individual among the "10,000 congregants of the 15 Reform temples" that has accepted and joined Reform as the result of knowledgeable familiarity with Jewish tradition and thought combined with consistent logical thinking. I will readily and quickly prove to him that invariably they are lacking in one or both of these essentials. I will also prove to him that most have chosen Reform for the same reason that he himself did, namely "to practise his 'yiddishkeit' in a manner that was more compatible with the way of life he was living;" in other words, his way of life determining his religion rather than the other way around.

In continued sincere friendship and unqualified Ahavat Yisrael, I remind Morley of a typical Orthodox saying: Wise men be careful with your words, lest you incur the guilt that deserves exile!

Rabbi J. Immanuel Schochet,
Downsview

What transgressions?

Dear Editor:

J. B. Salsberg's regular column provides excellent, entertaining reading, be it his sentimental recollections of Jewish reminiscences with witty remarks of his uncle Eliezer or his assessments of contemporary events from the Jewish point of view.

However, his article dealing with events that led to the most recent attack upon Israel and the behind-the-scene role of Russia (CJN, Nov. 9) contains a passage that should not be left uncontested.

After giving credit to President Nixon for the help of Israel, he assures his readers that he is not unmindful of "Washington's colossal transgressions against other peoples and other countries in the last century." What are the transgressions and who are those peoples against whom the Americans committed those colossal transgressions? Twice they saved Europe from the onslaught by Nazi and Communist hordes, in the Korean war they saved, though only a part, of the populace from communist subjugation, in the Cuban crisis they failed to uphold the Monroe Doctrine by removing a foothold of subversion close to their shore and, finally, in South-East Asia, despite of a tremendous sacrifice, they did not succeed to stop forces constituting a vital menace to the entire western civilization.

By their moral and material aid they enabled the tiny Israel to stand the brunt of a repeated vicious assault by her numerically far superior neighbors.

Indeed, the star-spangled banner is, despite the purgatory it went through, the least stained among those of all other powers. Let us place the Magen David close to it.

Perhaps Mr. Salsberg will agree after consulting uncle Eliezer.

O.W. Beck,
Toronto

Canadian jobs first

Dear Editor:

I was out-of town for several weeks so I just read Ben Nobleman's excellent article **Canadians Need Job Priority.** I'm surprised there was not more reactions to Mr. Nobleman's views. There is too much status quoism in the Jewish community and too little dissent. We need a few Ralph Naders to wake the apathetic Jewish leadership up from their slumber. When it come to Israel, they're A 1. But when it comes to recognizing and promoting local talent, they're fast asleep.

There is very little opportunity for a Canadian social worker to obtain work here. That is why they leave for the United States. After they've made their name below the border, they come back to Canada at a large salary.

The same is true in the arts. The so called Jewish Radio Hour is a farce — 99% commercials and 1% news. There is where local talent as well as on TV shows, should be promoted.

Let's have some action on this pressing matter.

H. Cohen,
Toronto

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By IDA FIENBERG

TORONTO –

Mazel Tov, Mazel Tov, ladies! I read in the newspapers that women have finally made it! We have been accepted — or we have a foothold — or is it a toehold — into the inner sanctum of Conservative Judaism. Why, even our rabbi devoted an entire sermon to this daring innovation.

Here am I, Ms. Fienberg, (darn, I must fix that "r" in my typewriter) typical Jewish, middle-class housewife, mother, pillar of the community, (Women's Divisions, of course) positively glowing — glowering — (oh that "r") with astonishment at this new phenomena in our tradition. Am I filled with delight, awe, wonder, at this daring innovation? Do I tremble with glee and anticipation at the idea of being invited to join a minyan? Do I thrill at the thought of hearing some charming, unprejudiced gentleman say "Nu, it's a new rule, and we haven't got a 10th man anyway. Lucky Sam, he must be cashing a winning ticket in the last race. Otherwise, he'd have been here a half hour ago. So nu — this is better than nothing."

Well, rather than give you a forthright answer, (aha, you've already guessed what my answer would be, if I were a forthright person) allow me to illustrate my point with a little parable . . .

For 32 years, I have been surrounded, in my home, by men. And what do all red-blooded Canadian men do for diversion, when they come home from their exotic and fascinating world of commerce, finance, and/or the pursuit of knowledge? The answer is quite obvious — they watch football!

Hubby: "What a day I had at the office — closed a million dollar deal. By the way, dear, we'll have to postpone that little trip to the Barbados. Can't take the time off. Besides which, all my money is tied up in the deal. Guess I'll have a bite to eat, relax, and watch some football. What's the score, boys?" He wants to know the score — he doesn't even know who's playing.

Son #1 or #2: "What a jackass of an English professor! He loaded us up with enough work to keep us busy for the whole year — and gave us three essays to write on top of that! Before I dig in, guess I'll take a little time off to watch the football game. This is the important one, you know." Have you ever noticed how every game is the important one? Have you noticed, too, how they've gradually, and oh so insidiously, lengthened the season?

In my girlhood days, football was played in the Autumn — with the magnificent foliage turning to an incredibly glorious crimson — and the air redolent with romance and excitement. In those days, I, too, had a football hero. But all I ever saw of him was from the shoulders, up. The rest of him was submerged in a slimy sea of mud. From this peculiar position, he managed to swiftly slither across the entire field, and over the goal line, for that triumphant touchdown. Yes, you knew, just as sure as there would soon be frost on the pumpkin, that this was the football season.

But times have changed. Now the games begin in May, with something I think they call the pre-pre trials, and start working their way through the long, torrid summer — "there he goes, our favorite half-back — made Time Magazine, you know — running for that impossible touchdown." Impossible is right. The temperature is a mere 95 degrees, in the shade, and he's wearing about 300 lbs. of uniform, equipment, and gear. For $200,000 a year, wouldn't you? Oh yes, you want to know when the season ends. As far as I can make out, the final series (the best-of-the-best-of-the-best) seems to come to some kind of conclusion, in April — of the following year.

So what do you do when you watch football on TV? What do you do? You eat!!! There goes the whistle for the first quarter! "What's to eat, Mom?" "Mmmm, something smells good." "What's to eat, dear?"

Yes, there goes the whistle, and to the martial strains of 76 Trombones, or is it Hello Dolly (I can never quite make out what the "top high school ensemble in the country" is playing) — we all march to the kitchen!

Now we are in "my domain." Where, through the years, did I solve all the insurmountable problems? Where did I raise the children; console them; stem nosebleeds; greet a friend, relative, laugh, cry, sing? Where did the joys, the sorrows, of my own little world, meld and mould into the story of my life? Where, but in the kitchen!

As I gently remove a sour cream coffee cake from the oven (350 degrees – 50 minutes) with uplifting, soaring sounds of Beethoven's Ode to Joy pouring forth from the FM, all life's pressing perplexities temporarily fade.

I can even whip up a delectable, light-as-a-feather chocolate cake, just before half time, (easy on the baking soda) that has my family fairly drooly with delight. And I too, get my kicks, as I listen to Glenn Gould knock off a Bach Variation!

And then we come to the problems where no one, but no one, asks for your opinion — or wants it. That's when I turn to Frank Sinatra — and cabbage rolls, kugel, and knishes.

Hubby: "Dear, I have something exciting to tell you. The firm wants to transfer me up north, for a year. They purchased a tremendous property for construction, and they want me to be on the spot to close all the deals." Up north? Would you believe Frobisher Bay??? That's strange — all along I had in mind a little 2 – 3 acre hideaway, somewhere in Florida . . .

Son #1: "Mom, I've decided to take a year off from school. I just want to goof off for a bit and sort of find myself." He was lost? And what timing! He's about to make this frivolous decision in his final year of Maths, Physics and Chemistry!

Son #2: "Mother, I'm not going to take that job as senior counsellor at camp this summer." (That figures — it's the first summer we didn't have to pay the camp to take him.) "I've decided to go to Europe instead. Everybody's doing it." You don't think it could be because his girl is in Italy, or on a Greek Island, or who-knows-where (you can be sure he does), ostensibly to spend her vacation with a best girl friend.

Oh well, you win some, you lose some. Even a sure-proof recipe will fool you, sometimes.

But hark! There goes the whistle for the third quarter. "Hurry, or we'll miss the first play." Tsk, tsk, mustn't miss the first play. And we all march back to the TV, to the strains of — can't quite make out the blaring brass, but it does have a familiar ring. Can it be? Is it possible? Yup! Beethoven's Ode to Joy!!

Quiet is temporarily restored to the kitchen, and I am alone once again, in my inner sanctum.

You ask: "So what's with the euphemisms? What's with the football, pots and pans, and the recipes? We are now dwelling on the minyan, and its attendant ramifications." Here, then, is the conclusion to my little homily . . .

In my kitchen, I'm the tops — I am No. 1. The intriguing and challenging question now, is — do I want to trade my No. 1 world, for No. 10? At the risk of setting the women's lib movement back a decade or two — my answer is a fervent and resounding — never!!! (damn!)

Housewife Ida Fienberg does not tremble with glee and anticipation at the idea of being invited to join a minyan. "In my kitchen, I'm the tops, I'm number one," she says. "Do I want to trade my number one world for number 10? My answer is never!"

'Important that in these tense days we hold fast'

sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

PARSHAT TOLDOT . . . "Vayitrotz'tzu Habanim Bekirba" – "And the children struggled within her" . . .

Matriarch Rebecca conceived twin brothers, Jacob and Esau. But a titanic struggle began in her womb. What was the problem?

Whenever she passed a house of idol-worship, Esau fought to break out and join them . . . and whenever she passed a house of Torah-study, Jacob would try to escape and join them, but the question is: it is understandable why Esau wanted to break out, why should Jacob want to leave? After all, the Talmud teaches that in the months when a child is in his mother's womb, an angel comes and teaches him the whole Torah, so why should not Jacob stay quietly in his mother? The answer is: he did not want to sit in the same "classroom" as Esau (Mayoon Shel Torah).

From the start, Jacob and Esau were opposities. Jacob was an "Ish Tam", straight forward, while Esau was able to fool his father Isaac by secretly doing evil but putting on airs of a "Tzadik", and asking him pious questions about tithing, salt and straw. But it is interesting the Commentator Rashi explains that the masquerade only lasted until the boys were 13. Afterwards each one went his own way, Jacob to the house of study, and Esau to idolatry.

Today we have a similar situation — almost all Jewish boys get bar mitzvahed, but the crucial question is what happens after that? That is not a time to stop going to shul, but to start. Not a time for ending Jewish education, but a time for continuing bearing fruits from Jewish education. A boy who gets bar-mitzvahed one Shabbos (or a girl who gets bat-mitzvahed), and does not go to shul the next Shabbos and the next, is like a bride and groom who get married one night and the next morning leave on separate honeymoons.

In the end, though, Jacob won out, and with the help of his mother, was able to receive the blessings of his father Isaac in the place of his brother Esau.

When Esau heard about it, he was furious. Esau asked his father: "Havracha achas hi lecha Avi" . . . literally, "Do you have but one (Achas) blessing, my father?"

But a Chassidic rebbe once gave this interpretation: "Did you give my brother Jacob the blessing of Achas?" Achas means unity. Esau said: "If you gave Jacob and his descendents the blessings of oneness — of unity, then there is no hope for me or the enemies of Israel."

It is important in these tense days, that we Jews hold fast together, love one another, refrain from "lashon hara," speaking evil of one another.

ShaMat shalom

U.S. labor stood loyally by the side of Israel

By J.B. SALSBERG

In these days of Israel's relative isolation it is a joy to report that, next only to the U.S. Jewish community, it was the massive community of 14 million organized American workers that stood most loyally, outspokenly and actively by the side of the imperiled Jewish state.

Moreover, they speedily translated that loyalty into effective political and financial help.

Itzhak Ben-Aharon, the general secretary, and Yehoshua Levi, the veteran treasurer, of the Histadrut, Israel's Federation of Labor were on an important mission to the U.S.A. during the Yom Kippur War. Their visit was of tremendous significance for Israel's struggle. They appeared at the AFL-CIO convention and they addressed the jubilee convention (50 years) of the American Friends of Histadrut. They also met with key U.S. labor leaders and addressed many trade union bodies. Here are some of the results.

— The AFL-CIO convention adopted unanimously a resolution which said, in part: "The convention declares its full solidarity with the support of the Histadrut which plays so valiant and invaluable a role in the building of a free society and peace-loving state dedicated to social justice.

"In this critical hour, we strongly urge that all of our affiliates cooperate with the American Trade Union Council for Histadrut in its efforts to raise funds for medical care of the wounded and other vitally needed services. We also urge increased investment in State of Israel Bonds as a sign of our continued support of Israel and our confidence in her future."

— George Meany, the president of the powerful AFL-CIO followed this up with a special letter to the presidents of all affiliated unions and to all local and state labor councils in the U.S. urging that bond purchases be "substantially increased" and that, in addition, "cash contributions" be made.

J. B. Salsberg

— The AFL-CIO convention launched a $100 million Israel Bond drive among American unions. The teamsters union purchased the first $25 million bond in that campaign.

— This was followed by the "cash contributions" effort which aims at raising at least $5 million; a quarter million of which was raised at the convention.

— Of special value is the decision to raise the bulk of the $5 million through voluntary contributions of the working men and women at their places of work. This method will involve many hundreds of thousands of American workers personally and directly in solidarity with Israel.

— On the political level the very positive stand of the AFL-CIO in pledging support to Israel and in its demand that the U.S. government meet Israel's requirements for its defence received top coverage by the media and was heard clearly in Washington. This was followed by direct appeals from each of the chief officers of 127 international unions to President Nixon, to the Senate and to Congress.

— At the U.S. jubilee conference for Histadrut, Thomas Gleason, president of the International Longshoremen's Union of America, made a truly historic declaration on behalf of the two major American maritime Unions – longshoremen and sailors. Gleason bluntly stated that American labor will not sit by and allow the Soviet-Arab "Pearl Habour" attack on Israel to succeed. If necessary, he said: "We will neither load nor unload any ship that comes from Russia or that is bound to Russia." He further added: "We will not allow ourselves to be terrorized by Arab oil blackmail. If they are intent on keeping us cold in winter, we will refuse to load food on ships bound for Russia."

No one who knows Thomas Gleason has any doubt about his ability or readiness to do exactly what he pledged to do. Little wonder that Pravda, the official organ of the Communist party of the USSR, (as reported here on Nov. 16) cites American labor leaders, Zionists etc. etc. as "trying to wreck the U.S.-Soviet detente."

In a cold world, American labor has proved to be a very warm friend of Israel. There is no better friend than a friend in need. Glory to them.

Letters to the Editor

'Explore further vital topic of encouraging Canadian youth,' urges reader

Dear Editor:

The recent article by Ben Nobleman in your publication about the lack of opportunity for Canadians in the Jewish community in the fields of entertainment, social work and public relations was indeed timely. This topic has been largely ignored by the Anglo-Jewish press.

Your weekly is to be commended for bringing it to public attention. The other Jewish media completely ignore this hot potato. The weekly excuse for a Jewish radio program avoids anything controversial. The TV shows concentrate strictly on Israel.

It is a sad commentary that there is so little encouragement in the Jewish community for anything creative. The Jewish youth of today is taught to be materialistic, become a doctor, lawyer or accountant.

The United States and Great British have thousands of Canadian youth who left Canada for only one reason — they couldn't get to first base in Canada in any creative profession.

It is high time this brain drain was halted.

Mr. Nobleman's [illegible] to the Jewish Congress in June, 1974.

I would urge The Canadian Jewish News and Ben Nobleman to further explore the vital topic of encouraging Canadian youth in the arts, social work and public relations in perhaps a series of in depth articles.

B.T. Klein,
Toronto

German Reform

Dear Editor:

Your Ask the Rabbi column of Oct. 19 refers to a question on the differences between Reform and Liberal Judaism. The rabbi's reply is substantially correct as to the British scene, viz: that in the United Kingdom Reform applies to a rather conservative typology, while Liberal (also known as Progressive) Judaism is closer to the North American manner of what we have as Reform on this continent.

With reference to the traditional German model, however, precisely the opposite [illegible] German Liberal Judaism [illegible] Reform Judaism [illegible] Reform Judaism [illegible] Zionist-oriented passages of the prayer books were eliminated and universalistic concepts substituted for these; services of divine worship proceeded along the lines of traditional Judaism. There were anthems in the German language, but no responsive readings in the vernacular and the organ was always an integral part of any service.

Men wore hats and narrow talesim and there was only one synagogue (Prinzregenten Temple of Berlin, built in 1930)) in which men and women were not separated as to seating arrangements.

The Kol Nidre was re-written, but in many synagogues a German hymn sung to the tune. Per contra, German Reform Judaism followed along the path of genuine reformation in the classic, 19th century pattern. The Juedische Reformgemeinde of Berlin was the only one of its kind in the whole land. Sunday morning worship was the tradition, although as of December, 1932, a Friday evening service was added to the regular weekly schedule. Men did not wear hats, nor was anyone permitted to keep his head covered. With the exception of a few sentences in Hebrew, the ritual proceeded entirely in the German [illegible] Still, the reasons not entirely [illegible] ally on the High Holy Days, furthermore both days of Rosh Hashana were observed.

On the North American continent, the terms Reform and Liberal are typically freely interchangeable. Some years ago, the Canadian Council of Reform Congregations altered its name. It is now known as the Canadian Council of Liberal Congregations.

Klaus J. Hermann
Mount Royal, Quebec

'U.S. alert pleasing'

Dear Editor:

When I heard the U.S. army was placed "on alert" I was pleased. I thought finally the U.S. and the Western world have realized what Russia is up to. The Marxist soviets have not changed their objective. They still believe that capitalism will destroy itself and that, as Khrushchev said, "they will bury us."

Let us make no mistake about it. The USSR is our antagonist and they are working militarily, psychologically and in every way, to attain their goal. What is their goal? To control the Mediterranean and to control the [illegible]

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Does anyone really believe that Egypt could have dismissed the Russians if they did not wish to leave? It was definitely a plot to put the West off their guard and to give Egypt some entree to the U.S. in the hope that Israel could be isolated and defeated without a war. It worked only partly. It did help to start "detente" between the U.S. and Russia.

But Russia hasn't changed her goal. She still wants to control the Arab oil. When Russia wanted to oust Great Britain she voted for and supported Israel. When she wishes to oust the U.S. she arms the Arabs to destroy Israel. Why? Because if Israel is destroyed, Russia, that now has Egypt, Syria and Iraq, will soon have the control of the rest of the Arab world. Fortunately the U.S. sees this and realizes Israel must remain. The Saud is still blinded by religion and kindred with the Arabs and he doesn't see that if Israel goes, Saudi Arabia will not be far behind.

If Russia gets control of the Middle East oil, how long will it be before Western Europe and Japan will become Communist like Eastern Europe, in order to obtain oil and survive? How long will Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the others remain independent [illegible]

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The U.S. and the Western world must keep Israel strong. Europe is making a mistake if it plays with the Arabs and weakens Israel. Saudi Arabia is making a mistake if she remains on the fence. If Russia and the Arab oil-producers know that the West will not allow Israel to fall, then the flow of arms will cease, true peace will ultimately prevail, Israel does not wish to harm the Arabs. The refugee problem can be settled and world trade and commerce (with Arab oil will continue as before.

Henry S. Rosenberg,
Toronto

A dandy program

Dear Editor:

[illegible] to mention that recently [illegible] there is a dandy program [illegible] radio program. The [illegible] CHIN 1540, 11.695 s.w. [illegible] done by Chin Tones and [illegible] by Sam Tschanz.

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Ken [illegible]
Kingston

Organizations and People

what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN

CHRISTIAN-JEWISH DIALOGUE

Zionists in Action in co-operation with Pride of Israel Temple are presenting a public forum on **Christian-Jewish Dialogue, Zionism and Anti-Semitism** on Sunday, Nov. 25, at 8:30 p.m. at the synagogue, Dewlane and Bathurst Sts. Discussants will be Professor William Dunphy, St. Michaels College, University of Toronto; Rabbi Herbert Feder, Beth Tikvah Congregation; Rev. Peter Gilbert, director, Christian-Jewish dialogue; and Ben Kayfetz, executive director, Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region.

WOMEN'S BRANCH MEETING

A symposium on **Jewish Family Life — Facts and Myths**, highlighted the opening meeting of the Ontario Chapter of Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America held last Wednesday, at Torah Emeth Synagogue in Toronto. Participants were Rabbi Mordechai Ochs, Mrs. Meyer Berglass, Mrs. David Drebin, Dr. L. Zoberman and Dr. P. Ruzohorsky. The evening's program was under the chairmanship of Mrs. Harry Botnick and Mrs. Joseph Silver. Regional president is Mrs. Henry Hoschander of Toronto.

STUDENT RETREAT

The Jewish Student Federation-Hillel fall retreat takes place this Friday and Saturday, Nov. 23-24, at the Toronto Hillel House, St. George St. Special guest is to be Rabbi Joseph Polak, Hillel director at Boston University.

SYMPOSIUM ON ISRAEL

One of the Toronto events in celebration of Jewish Book Month is a symposium on **Israel and Jewish Survival** with Professors Emil Fackenheim of University of Toronto and Irwin Cotler of McGill. The symposium is sponsored by the Holocaust Remembrance Committee and is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 28, at 8 p.m. at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, Elder St., Downsview.

LZA NEWS

Zeirei Zion Branch 255 of the Labor Zionist Alliance is holding its opening meeting Sunday, Nov. 25 at 8 p.m. at the centre, Viewmount Ave. Special guest David Oved, Israeli army officer who fought on both the Syrian and Egyptian fronts, will speak on **The Yom Kippur War**. Also, an Israel film will be shown and a report on branch activities will be given by Max Abella.

On Tuesday, Nov. 27, at 8:30 p.m. Perez Karny will be speaking on **King David: The political and moral problems of the first king of Judah.**

SABBATH SERVICES AT ASSOCIATED

At the request of a number of people unaffiliated with any synagogue, who are residents in the area of the Associated Finch Education Centre, Friday and Saturday Sabbath services will be inaugurated at the centre. This Sunday, Nov. 25, initial services and a breakfast have been arranged by the founding group to plan the services. For information contact the school office.

CARTOON TIME

Renana Chapter of Hadassah will be showing the movie **Gay Purr-ee** a full-length color cartoon, on Sunday, Nov. 25, at Seneca College Minkler Auditorium, Finch Ave. E. Showings are at 1 and 3 p.m.

CHANGE OF DATE

The open house planned for the Jewish Family and Child Service Lawrence Plaza branch has been changed to Thursday, Nov. 29, from 2 - 4 p.m.

PROCEEDS FOR ISRAEL

The Toronto community has certainly been able to come up with all sorts of ideas to raise money for Israel. For instance:

A group of highschoolers calling themselves Teenagers for Israel, are presenting a benefit concert Friday, Nov. 23, at 8 p.m. at Seneca College. Concert features **Rage**, an 18-piece jazz band, **Perpetual Motion** and other musical groups. Tickets available at the box office.

Another group of young people, the girl students of Class 9G at Associated Hebrew Day School, are arranging a tea and fashion show Sunday, Nov. 25, from 2 p.m. at the Bathurst St. school. Teenage fashions will be modelled by the students themselves. Valuable door prizes are on the program, too.

Beth Sholom Sisterhood is holding an art auction at the synagogue, Eglinton Ave. West, on Sunday, Nov. 25 — viewing at 7 p.m., auction at 8 p.m. On sale will be original oils, water colors and etchings from the Emerging Arts Gallery of New York.

For family night at Temple Emanu-el, the student teachers there are screening **A Girl in My Soup** with Goldie Hawn and Peter Sellers, on Sunday, Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. Even the money from the sale of popcorn and soft drinks (donated) will go to Israel.

The new Shalhevet Candlelight Club (formerly the Shalom Social Club) are having a dance Sunday, Nov. 25, at 8 p.m. at Beth Sholom Synagogue.

A week-long Israeli Movie Festival sponsored by the Hakoah Sport and Cultural Club is set to run from Nov. 23-30 at the Nortown Theatre, Eglinton Ave. W. Two Academy Award nominated Israeli films, **The Policeman**, starring Shay K. Ophir, and **Sallah**, starring Chaim Topol, will be shown at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. with matinees Saturday and Sunday.

Drives response by youth 'most gratifying'

TORONTO — One of the most gratifying aspects of the present United Jewish Appeal emergency campaign has been the spontaneous reaction of children. With no prompting from adults, they have gone out into this community and raised money by just about every means they could possibly think of, individually or in organized groups.

In a newsletter sent to Jewish schools by the Board of Jewish Education, teachers were asked to "spend regular periods explaining the issues involved in the Middle East conflict . . . it is imperative that an ongoing effort be made to explain the Jews' claim to the land and to interpret Israel's economic and social needs to our students . . ."

The letter wasn't really necessary. The students were instinctively aware of the gravity of Israel's position in this new crisis, and in many cases went into action before their parents did.

Reports coming into the UJA office from Jewish day schools, evening schools and synagogue schools, along with letters from children and the amount already collected, eloquently point out the depth of feeling for Israel's plight in the young.

Youngsters raised money by emptying their banks, raking leaves, polishing shoes, washing cars, baby sitting, selling candies, soliciting at shopping plazas in Jewish areas, holding raffles and bazaars — to mention just some fund raising methods.

Lorne Merkur and Fred Guth used their money to invest in T-shirts and had them silk-screened with the words "Israel Lives." The shirts were sold at the Hadassah bazaar, by a B'nai B'rith girls' chapter, at the University of Toronto and other schools, bringing in $300 for the campaign.

Ira Wolfe spent two hours after school soliciting funds outside a supermarket for a one week period and raised $60.

Students at the United Synagogue Day Schools held a walkathon from the Beth Tikvah branch to Beth Tzedec. Proceeds from this event, usually applied to the school's scholarship fund, were turned over to the UJA campaign. Total amount raised was $8,000.

The response by youth of the community to the emergency campaign has been one of the most gratifying aspects of the UJA drive. Here, youngsters applaud at Royal York rally.

In just two weeks following the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War, the 260 students of the Community Hebrew Academy raised over $6,000 by canvassing the community in assigned areas. The effort so impressed principal G.M. Hull, he told the student body: "Never in my career as a high school teacher and principal have I ever seen so many do so much for their fellowman."

Deena Edelstein, president of the Associated Junior High student council, reports that through the sale of bumper stickers, Israel Must Live buttons, chocolate bars, popcorn, as well as neighborhood soliciting, students at Associated raised several thousand dollars. "The enthusiasm of all students was well rewarded by the generous support of the community," she said.

The same dedication to the cause was manifested by the students of Eitz Chaim, Bialik and all other Jewish schools in the city. From all this remarkable response, it is obvious that when youngsters are aware and fully understand what's at stake, they need no spur from adults.

Five-year-old Brian Levy said it all in a printed note he sent to the UJA office with his contribution: "Dear friends, I'm senting 1 dollar from my bank to help the people in Israel."

B'nai Yehuda may appear at 'besieged' institutes but its ultimate objective is aliyah for members

By ALBERT SION

MONTREAL — At almost any Jewish public gathering in Montreal, a group of youths in blue "chalutz" uniforms are likely to make their appearance, deploying themselves at strategic points, ready to prevent a disruption.

According to Dov Kaufman, their leader, these youngsters are trained in karate and first-aid and would rush to the assistance of a "besieged" synagogue or Jewish school, invited or uninvited.

The B'nai Yehuda (Sons of Judah) is a Montreal based youth organization with a membership of some 150 Jewish boys and girls ranging in age from 13 to 25, who are dedicated to "the preservation of Jewish identity."

Protecting Jews from anti-Semitic violence is "the only thing we have in common with the JDL," says Kaufman, himself an ex-JDL member who helped disband the organization in Montreal. "Our philosophies are totally different," he stresses. Kaufman conceived the B'nai Yehuda three years ago.

"We are against any political group or religious organization or cultural tendency which alienates Jews from Judaism or Zionism," says Kaufman.

He explains that the B'nai Yehuda aims for the involvement of alienated Jewish youths and to interest them in a new or stronger sense of Jewish identity through educational programs. Its' ultimate objective is to have them go on aliyah.

Kaufman stresses the organization is "anti-Communist, because Communism makes non-Jews or even anti-Jews out of Jews." The kids are looking for a cause and they get drawn-in by the Hare Krishna people or into the Jews-for-Jesus movement; we want to help them return to some form of interest in Jewish life."

The B'nai Yehuda is not a political or religious organization, claims Kaufman. Although its members are highly indoctrinated and conservative, he maintains they come from all sides of the political spectrum, and that the group contains both religious and non-religious people.

Moreover, one of the B'nai Yehuda's concerns is "getting people off drugs." The youngsters regularly meet for a couple of hours every evening except Fridays. Kaufman says attendance is always full, as discipline is stressed. "Bad apples," may be expelled from the group.

Unpaid volunteers give them physical training and teach them Hebrew, Biblical history, or Diaspora history, "so that they can be proud of their heritage and resist assimilation."

The educational program includes lectures on Israel. "Unlike the Shilichim, we don't give a rosy picture of Israel, we tell it like it is," says Kaufman, who believes that "every Jew should live in Israel."

When Kaufman conceived the B'nai Yehuda he had difficulty in getting the funds necessary to get it underway. After a year of seeking support, the idea interested Ltd.-Col. (Ret.) Joel Wolfe, president of the Zionist Organization of Canada eastern region, and then the B'nai B'rith. Later, a founding rally was called and 100 people attended.

Now, B'nai Yehuda has a small chapter in Toronto, and new chapters are expected to be formed in New Jersey and in Denmark. "This may become a worldwide organization," says Kaufman, "but I am primarily interested in Canada," he added, modestly.

...about people

Folksinger Malka (left) with Radio International hosts Jan Tennant and Harry Mannis.

During her recent trip to Israel, Canadian-Israeli folksinger **Malka** taped two of the segments appearing on the up-coming **Radio International** program on Israel to be aired on CBC-FM Friday, Nov. 30, at 6:30 p.m. One of the features, **Song of Israel**, with composer **Amitai Neeman**, traces the development of Israel through its music. The other stars Israeli TV personality **Drora Havkin**. While in Israel, Malka also did an interview with cellist **Pablo Casals**, expected to be heard on **Concern** on Dec. 12, and a combined interview with **Leonard Bernstein, Vladimir Ashkenazy** and **Daniel Barenboim**. The program is hosted by **Jan Tennant** and **Harry Mannis**.

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Toronto welcomes many distinguished visitors this week — **Rabbi Nachum L. Rabinovitch**, former spiritual leader of Clanton Park Congregation, will be in town for the congregation's M'Laveh Malkeh dinner Saturday, Nov. 24. This is the rabbi's first trip back since becoming dean of Jews College in London, England, and he is coming specifically to take part in honoring the congregation for their unprecedented achievement on Israel's behalf. Another highlight of the dinner will be the eye-witness report on the current Israeli scene by **Dr. Norman Shaul**, Clanton Park bond chairman just returned from the special Canadian study mission to Israel . . . World Zionist leader **Jacques Torczyner** will address the Yorkdale Lodge B'nai B'rith annual award dinner Saturday, Nov. 24, honoring their top bond worker **Michael Finkelstein** . . . Professor **Gerald Meister**, director of the Ramapo Institute will be guest speaker at the Pride of Israel Temple Bond dinner, Tuesday, Nov. 27, in honor of **Norman Garson**.

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Nathaniel Theodore Nemetz, a judge of the British Columbia Appeal Court since 1968, and a B.C. Supreme Court judge before that, was named that province's chief justice earlier this month.

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William Stevenson, author of **Strike Zion, Zamek** (the story of the Israeli airforce) and the recently published **The Bormann Brotherhood**, is guest speaker at the Nov. 28 program meeting of the Toronto Zionist Council. The subject is **Can Israel Survive Under the Pressure of the Super Powers?** Mr. Stevenson, a veteran journalist is now a CBC contract producer.

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Israel food fair is scheduled for early in January

voice of youth

By YAACOV HONIG

Israel's economic situation now calls for a rise in exports in order to reduce the annual deficit in foreign trade. This deficit is growing at an alarming rate because defence needs require huge foreign buying.

While the Israelis wage the war fought on the battlefield, we must at least help wage the war fought on the economic front. Economists have calculated that a $2 per week purchase of Israeli products by every Jewish family would result in a $300,000,000 annual export market from Jews alone.

While it is not terribly difficult to weed out the Israeli products, you must be prepared to put yourself out to do so. But with the knowledge that the goods are there, just waiting to be found, the sacrifice becomes a much easier one to make.

The goods are there. Most leading department stores sell men's, women's and children's clothing – including skirts, knits, dresses, leather and suede garments, sweaters, bathing suits, and other items.

Buying food is the most convenient way to meet the $2 a week requirement. Israeli food exports range from cookies and crackers to juices and fruit, to beer and honey, to falafel and soups, to bottled fruit and gefilte fish. If these products are not available in your particular supermarket, then it may be necessary to ask the storekeeper to stock them. More often than not, if the shopkeeper is made to feel there is a demand, he will willingly respond.

The goods compete favorably with comparable Canadian goods, in quality and cost. Even if they didn't, a few pennies spent in this way may be the highest form of charity – helping someone else help himself. In any case, in place of complaining about the unavailability or lack of Israeli exports, it is necessary to create a demand by asking for these goods specifically. The more demanded, the more will be supplied.

In an effort to impress upon the consumer this crucial point by exhibiting many of the available products and by publicizing their distributors and retail outlets, the National Conference of Synagogue Youth is hosting an Israeli aliyah exhibition and trade fair, co-sponsored by sisterhoods, Zionist groups, and various synagogues in the Toronto area. The fair will be held Jan. 6th at the Associated Hebrew School. There will be no admission charge.

Yoshua Levy, secretary-treasurer of Israel Histadrut, addresses the audience at the annual convention of the Israel Histadrut campaign and United Organizations for Histadrut. He came to Toronto from the AFL–CIO convention.

Tragic echoes observed

By MARCIA KRETZMER

TORONTO –

Symposiac '73, the annual convention of the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith which was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel recently, was climaxed by an address on the Middle East crisis by Dr. David Hyatt, president of the National Council of Christians and Jews.

Directly following the outbreak of war on Oct. 6, Dr. Hyatt, a Roman Catholic married to a Jew, spoke out forcefully on behalf of the NCCJ to reassert Israel's moral and juridical right to exist within secure borders and to declare oil diplomacy should have no place in determing U.S. policy in the Middle East.

In his speech to the audience of some 300 members of B'nai B'rith lodges in the Toronto region, Dr. Hyatt recalled the Second World War, when the world "closed its eyes to the cold-blooded murder of Jews so that trade and commerce could flow smoothly and ensure the profits of the ruling elites of the various big powers."

Citing the instances of the Lod massacre, the closing of the Schonau transit camp in Austria, the double standard applied by the UN to the actions of Israel and those of the Arab countries and the signs of increasing anti-Semitism in North America, Dr. Hyatt said he found tragic echoes of the events of 30 years ago in today's world situation.

He pledged in conclusion that NCCJ would do its utmost "to build bridges of understanding within the Christian community about the profound meaning to our Jewish brothers throughout the world, of Israel as a land and as a people and an essential part of the Jewish faith."

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Plan Jewish budget parley

TORONTO –

Plans are under way to establish the Canadian National Budgeting Conference to analyze budgets of national, regional and local agencies and to advise Jewish communities on budgeting.

Initial discussions on the conference were held at the recent General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, held in New Orleans. Representatives of Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Calgary and Edmonton participated, with Phil Granovsky, president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto, presiding. First formal meeting of the Conference is scheduled here for February.

A memorandum covering establishment of the conference states: "In the total community interest for the better and more equitable stewardship of funds collected from the Jewish communities of Canada under central fund raising organizations, it is deemed advisable to establish and maintain a Canadian National Budgeting Conference." The memorandum was agreed to by representatives of Allied Jewish Community Services of Montreal, United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto and the Canadian Jewish Congress.

The conference will seek participation by the United Israel Appeal of Canada, Canadian Jewish Congress, United Jewish Relief Agencies of Canada, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada, Allied Jewish Community Services of Montreal, United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto, Community Council of Winnipeg, Community Council of Ottawa, Community Council of Calgary, Community Council of Edmonton, the Welfare Fund of Hamilton, the Welfare Fund of Windsor, the Community Council of London and the central fund-raising agency or agencies of Vancouver.

The conference will be a "third party" group so as to achieve "desirable approaches and procedures and in order to avoid inequities of distribution."

As outlined in the memorandum, the principal objectives of the conference will be:

-- to review major needs facing Canadian Jewry nationally, regionally and locally;

-- to study budgets of all conference members;

-- to arrive at the equitable share of the annual funding of national agency requirements by local communities;

-- to recommend allocations to be made to the member agencies of the conference.

It is emphasized in the memorandum that the conference is to be advisory in intent only and its recommendations will not be binding.

The conference will appoint a staff director who will be in charge of assembling background papers and preparing their budgetary requests with the necessary analysis. "In this respect," says the memorandum, "it is recognized that Canadian problems differ locally and regionally, even as to legal systems and backgrounds, and the recommendation is made to hire staff familiar with these factors in recognition that the matter is not simply one of computation and accounting practices."

Commenting on the establishment of the conference, Phil Granovsky said it can "intensify the dialogue between communities in setting priorities and avoiding duplications."

Kurt Rothschild wins 1973 Amudim award

TORONTO –

Kurt Rothschild, Toronto business executive and prominent communal leader, has been named a recipient of the 1973 Amudim Award of Torah Umesorah, the National Society for Hebrew Day Schools, according to an announcement by Samuel C. Feuerstein, national president of the organization.

The Amudim Award, given each year to 15 outstanding leaders in the North American Jewish community, who have shown dedication and initiative in the field of Jewish education, will be presented at the annual dinner of Torah Umesorah to be held on Nov. 18, 1973 at the New York Hilton Hotel in New York City.

Jewish leaders and educators from throughout the country will gather at this major event in order to pay tribute to Rothschild and to the other award recipients whose efforts to Jewish education have become well-known beyond the borders of their respective local communities.

President of State Electric Company, Rothschild is currently a vice-president of the Eitz Chaim Schools in Toronto, treasurer of the Toronto United Jewish Welfare Fund and president of the Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi of Canada. Ever since his arrival in Toronto in 1958, he has played a leading role in the Jewish community with emphasis to those institutions working for intensive Jewish education and for the survival of the state of Israel.

In announcing Rothschild's selection as an Amudim award recipient, Feuerstein, declared, "Torah Umesorah has long been cognizant of Rothschild's contribution to Jewish education. We are grateful for the opportunity to express publicly our appreciation to Rothschild."

Torah Umesorah provides a comprehensive program of service to the network of Hebrew day schools throughout the United States and Canada which combine a full program of secular studies with religious instruction for Jewish youth from kindergarten through the high school level.

Laskin receives award

By MARCIA SINGER

TORONTO –

Mr. Justice Bora Laskin, the first Jewish federal supreme court judge, was honored by over 1,200 Jews and Gentiles at a $12.50-plate dinner recently.

He was one of three who received the human relations award from the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews at the Royal York Hotel. George Destounis, president of Famous Players, and Jerry McAfee, president of Gulf Oil Canada, also won the award for promoting understanding and co-operation among Canadians.

Mr. Justice Laskin is a native of Thunder Bay and holds a masters in law degree from Harvard University. Before joining the federal supreme court, he was an Ontario supreme court judge and a professor at the University of Toronto Law School.

Presenting the award, Winnipeg lawyer Arthur Mauro called Laskin "a distinctive educator, a creative jurist and an outstanding Canadian."

The judge accepted the award "as a Canadian citizen of the Jewish faith" and told the crowd he did not view himself and other recipients as targets for personal distinction.

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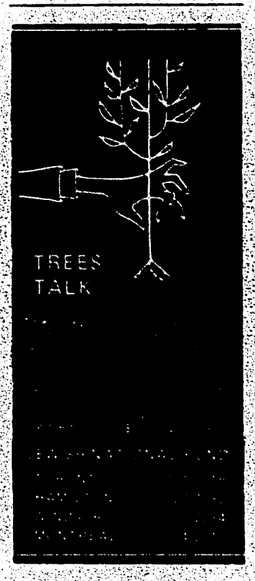

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Travel

Recognition of Expo's jacket but one incident of eventful trip

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Assistant Editor

TORONTO –

For Henry Blatt, recognition brought shock. Who would expect that an Israeli soldier on the west bank of the Suez Canal would recognize that Blatt was from Montreal because he was wearing an Expo's jacket?

The soldier happened to be an Israeli living in Montreal who had returned to his native land to take up arms. This was one of the many incidents that Blatt and 39 other Canadian Israeli Bond leaders experienced during a whirlwind five-day trip to Israel last week.

Blatt, national campaign chairman for Israel Bonds, and an international vice-president of the B'nai B'rith, along with other members of the mission, told of their trip in interviews with The Canadian Jewish News.

They flew to Israeli-captured land in Syria and the west bank of the Suez, visited hospitals and met Israeli leaders Pinchas Sapir, Yigal Allon, and Generals Rabin and Herzog.

Summarizing the trip, Blatt said the Israeli public, both on the front line and at home "are infuriated by outside pressure that resulted in the ceasefire in light of the fact that there was no attempt by these same keepers of humanitarianism to push for a ceasefire in the early days of the war when conditions were rough for Israelis."

He found Israeli leaders very appreciative of the assistance from Jews around the world. Finance Minister Sapir told him that he described to the Israeli cabinet what Canadian Jewry had done for Israel.

Dr. Norman Shaul spoke with obvious deep emotion of the terrible personal grief he encountered among the people with whom he met and spoke; the mutilated young soldiers in the hospitals, the mother who had lost three sons within as many days and had to be restrained from committing suicide, and the tremendous courage and determination of soldiers who no sooner after being patched up volunteered back to their units.

From the economic front, Dr. Shaul reported the response of Israelis is "magnificent -- even the country's 20,000 old-age pensioners are giving a month's wages and there are long line-ups at the banks to make emergency loans to the government."

Blatt told The CJN some Israelis were critical that there was inaccurate assessment of intelligence before the war. Mission members were told by some Israelis that from the equipment captured, Soviet personnel had to be involved on the Arab side.

The mission was taken to the west bank of the Sinai above Great Bitter Lake near Ismailya between the Egyptian Second and Third Armies. From the heights near Ismailya, the men saw a panorama of hundreds of Israeli tanks.

Blatt and Herb Levy, executive director, B'nai B'rith District 22, saw the loading and unloading of UN relief trucks by Egyptian personnel near the city of Suez. Across the canal, they viewed units of the Egyptian army -- "a pretty healthy looking lot," according to Blatt.

The mission's bus broke down near Suez and they ended up being transferred to a captured Egyptian air base for a flight back to Israel. However, the only flight going back, taking 120 soldiers on temporary leave, had no space available.

When mission members learned that soldiers were asked to volunteer their places to allow them to get back, the entire delegation refused to board the plane if it meant dispossession of some Israeli soldiers.

Eventually, they all managed to get on the flight. On embarking, the soldiers applauded the mission because they heard about their refusal to board the plane. The Canadians returned the applause.

George A. Cohon, Toronto chairman of the Emergency Bond Campaign, and Alex Grossman, chairman of the construction division dinner on Nov. 22, agreed that bonds are now a matter of life-and-death for Israel's economy to keep their industry and agriculture going while troops are still fully mobilized.

"What we have done here in the purchase of bonds has been unprecedented -- but it isn't a small fraction of what the Israelis themselves have sacrificed financially, not to speak of the tragic price they have paid in the loss of their sons, and their wounded soldiers," Cohon said.

The port of Acre across the bay from Haifa still has the sleepy character of ancient times. Acre fishermen mend their nets in the courtyards just as the port was used by the Romans, Byzantines and crusaders. (Israel Gov't photo)

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At this time, I would like to ask you to include in your message more than ever the Israelis want you to come and visit with them. They need your presence to feel that they are not alone, that they have brothers who care for them now more than ever. The Israelis want to talk to you, share with you their thoughts, experiences and hopes – and their grief.

All the facilities in Israel are operational – the hotels, buses, cars, restaurants and their staff – and most anxious to see you come. You can, without any restrictions whatsoever, travel the length and width of the country and see all locations and sights.

But what you should do is to meet the Israelis, visit them in their homes, pay them a visit in a hospital ward – talk to your brothers and make them feel that you are with them. This is the time to ask you to forego the relaxing vacation you had in mind and take a short winter-tour to Israel – for your own sake just as much as for the sake of the Israelis.

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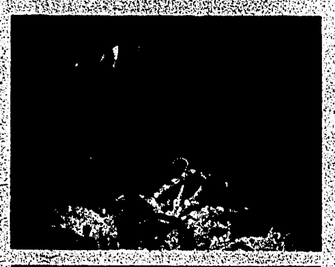

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Cultural kaleidoscope is easily witnessed in always-changing Israeli capital

By G. DOUGLAS YOUNG

JERUSALEM –

I have watched it grow during a decade and a half. When I first came to Jerusalem it was a quiet university town, half in Israel and half in Jordan. Today it is a busy, growing, united city — the capital of Israel. Jerusalem is one of the exciting crossroads of the world. It has been "home" to me for the last 10 years.

It is a kaleidoscope of cultures, always changing. Arabs in modern dress or in their centuries' old pantaloons, long robes and special head gear; Jews of the orient and the occident and many in the black robes and distinctive hats of the orthodox of old Europe; the streets teem with "ordinary people" and important personages from all over the world, Western tourists with their ties and coats or those with short shorts, jeans and wild hairdos! You pass fancy restaurants and hotels and in a few blocks find yourself in a shuk (market) that is as old as anything in the oriental world. European sidewalk cafes are next door to Arab men sitting on stools smoking their hubbly-bubblies.

Down the street will come a woman in the latest fashion or a Muslim woman dressed as of old, all in black with a veil covering her face. In a side street, you find a small shop selling antiquities thousands of years old and a few blocks or a short bus ride away the world's great museums of biblical antiquities. In one store, you'll find the most up - to - date ladies' fashions or the most progressive educational toys for children, and in the next an old world artisan will be plying his trade — whether it be carving of olive wood, jewelry of mother-of-pearl, or Yemenite jewelry.

For the more sophisticated also it is a colorful city. The holy places of the three great monotheistic religions are virtually side by side. On Fridays, the Moslems crowd the old temple area. On Saturdays, the Jews from all over Israel and the world are visiting Jerusalem and the Western Wall. On Sundays, all kinds of churches ring their bells and hold their services.

Day by day the history of the world is spread out in dozens of places. One may visit the oldest evidences of man's presence in this Holy City in museums or at actual excavations: the Dead Sea Scrolls from the intertestament times; the work of excavating of Herod's Jerusalem actually going on; a great Crusader church; or the more modern and important museum of the NAZ Holocaust in Germany. Nor should one forget that he may visit the 1:50 scale model of this city from the times of the Herods - biblical times! It is more than past history, however, for the history of the future will be influenced by all the varied scientific and cultural events and research constantly taking place here, from private research to worldwide conventions.

Almost every night some cultural events of the most brilliant kind are taking place somewhere. It could be Sound and Light in David's Citadel. It could be a play or a special Israeli Folk program at the Khan in the Jerusalem Theatre. It could be a chamber music group, a great symphony orchestra or some other special musical program at the beautiful modern convention centre.

Jerusalem has been the crossroads of the world for millenia. It still is. For decades it has been making headlines in the press of the world, not always peaceful, but headlines nevertheless. Before I came to make my home here the whole area seemed remote, oriental, out of this world, and a danger spot. How different it is from all those misconceptions. I live in peace in the meeting place of the occident and the orient. I see the underprivileged and backward coming into the benefits of the 20th century. I see tremendous growth in industry, agriculture, medicine, and of course, in modern building.

This is an exciting city in an exciting time in man's long history.

Shown on arrival in Israel last week are travel agents (from left) Hannah Perly, Renata Eisen, Kay Corson, Israel Reichman, David Freudman, Yakov Margolin, Bernie Zeldman, Emil Aufgang and Chaim Maydeck. The group visited hotels, toured the country and met Israeli travel agents and government officials. Missing from picture is Murray Heifetz.

Strong contingent expected

TORONTO –

About 50 Canadians are expected to attend the third World Congress of Engineers and Architects in Israel Dec. 17 - 24 — the first major international conference there since the Yom Kippur War.

There is no other all-embracing congress in the world containing both engineers and architects. About 2,000 persons are expected at the conference.

Theme of the Congress is Dialogue in Development – Natural and Human Resources. Non-engineers and architects are also invited to the convention. Victor Sefton, a Toronto engineer, said government personnel in the developmental field would be most welcome at the convention.

The Ontario government is sending four participants, he said. Among some of the prominent Canadians who are scheduled to fly to Israel are Quebec Urban Affairs Minister Victor Goldbloom, Professor Harry Mayerovitch of McGill University, Professor N. H. Lithwick of Carleton University, architect Moshe Safdie and Professor John E. Page of York University.

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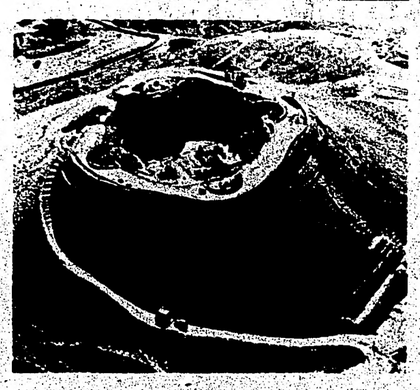

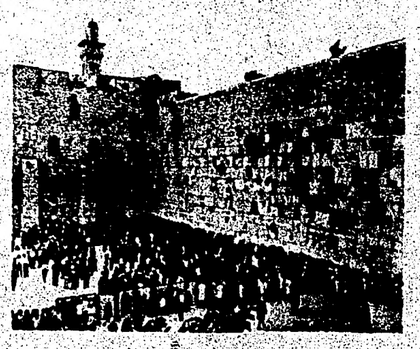

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Diamond exchange activity ensures Israel's top place

RAMAT-GAN –

It is "business as usual" at the Israel Diamond Exchange, world's principal centre for the diamond trade.

Despite the Yom Kippur War, diamond exports from Israel reached $36.6 million during the month of October, a drop of less than $6 million compared to the same month last year, according to Israel Diamond Institute figures released here. At the same time the total 10 month overseas sales of Israel's polished gem diamonds rose to almost half a billion dollars. Exports from January through October 1973 were $491.4 million, showing a striking growth over the same period of last year when exports of $315 million were reached, out of $385 million for the entire year 1972.

With airline deliveries from Israel now returned to normal, diamond exporters have no doubts that the industry will maintain its position as the world's largest producer/exporter of polished gem diamonds. Exporters are currently selling mostly from inventories which are believed sufficient for several more weeks and the production end of the industry is also beginning to revive.

In the past two weeks more than 1,500 servicemen, including many foremen, plant managers, skilled craftsmen and other key personnel, were demobilized to rejoin the industry. Many retired diamond polishers have also returned to the factories to reinforce women and non-mobilized men who have continued production throughout the war.

The diamond industry employs 12,000 persons in production and commercial functions, and contains almost 600 plants and workshops. Diamond exports represent Israel's largest foreign trade branch.

Greyhound racing is year-round feature

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Solidarity shown in new way

TEL AVIV –

Jewish solidarity with Israel is assuming a dynamic new form through an upswing of apartment purchases in this country by Jews residing abroad.

Especially strong demands for acquisition of condominiums in Israel has been felt since mid – October, shortly after the start of the Yom Kippur War, according to Uzi Ruskin, managing director of ISRALOM, Israel Homes & Real Estate Corp. Established by Israel's leading building and financing companies to sponsor residential projects here for foreign buyers, ISRALOM reports an impressive wave of inquiries by Jewish families abroad who attribute their decision to buy now to a desire to make the strongest possible demonstration of faith in Israel.

Ruskin estimates that despite communications difficulties at the outbreak of the war, apartment and home sales concluded during the past month will not fall from the usual $2.5 million average monthly volume of the company. Most of these sales transactions were negotiated before October and completed now. New inquiries indicate that the acquisition of housing in Israel will show a significant rise in November – December and through 1974.

While the bulk of sales decisions made during the crisis in Israel is from the United States, he said the Western European countries are also represented in substantially increased purchases of residential property in Israel.

"The spirit of worldwide Jewish support for Israel reflected in massive contributions and the sale of Israel Bonds has been overwhelming," Ruskin noted.

"It has also inspired investment in the firmest physical links with Israel. Many Jews who had previously investigated and considered a second home in this country have now contacted ISRALOM offices in Israel and abroad to finalize their purchase.

"The Yom Kippur War has obviously inspired hundreds of Jewish families to decide to fully identify with Israel, and to show the concrete form of solidarity represented in obtaining an apartment here," he said.

The price of new condominiums or private villas range up from $30,000 in a variety of residential units in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Herzliya, Ramat Gan, and other prime locations. Many of these purchases, it was noted, are being made by American buyers through the use of their Israel Bonds.

The acquisition of the apartments, it was noted, represents an important export trade for the country, whose product remains in Israel. The added value to the economy of local supplies and labor is almost 80% of the purchase price, higher than in any other export industry.

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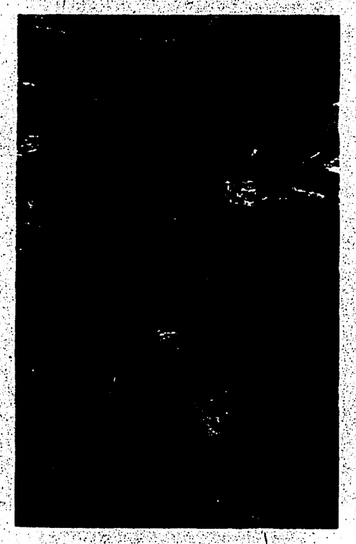

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'We can understand situation of Israel best,' says head of city's Bergen-Belsen Association

By BRIAN STONEMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO –

He can live with memories of eight or nine (he isn't sure) concentration camps, during the Holocaust, but Bernard Laufer admits tension caused by the Israeli-Arab conflict is making him a nervous wreck.

"All the Jews around the world are sensitive and worry about the Jews in Israel," Laufer told The Canadian Jewish News recently. The Toronto branch president of the World Federation of Bergen-Belsen Associations, added: "Especially survivors of concentration camps. We can understand the situation best."

The Polish-born merchant was speaking in the shop of Laufer Glass and Mirror Ltd., operated by him for 12 years after working as a laborer since his arrival here in 1951.

When the British liberated him from Bergen-Belsen on April 15, 1945, he weighed only 80 pounds, he said. His parents, four sisters and five brothers all fell victim to the camps; one elder brother died two weeks after liberation.

"There was no life at all in the camps; it was death. You got up in the morning and went to work and didn't know what would happen before you came back. Life continued from minute to minute, not hour to hour or day to day."

At one end of his workbench were a number of publications of the Bergen-Belsen Memorial Press. Laufer peered at them through his spectacles and explained. "Publishing is one of our key activities in trying to educate the people."

Through Remembrance Award grants, which include publication of Holocaust literature (for example, The Forest My Friend by Donia Rosen and The Town Beyond The Wall by Elie Wiesel), the recognized charitable and educational organization accomplishes much of their aim. Not able or content to rest, however, it also sends groups of Jewish university students abroad to witness the death camp sites and this year, at 10 major North American universities including our own, an extensive project is being undertaken to tell the Holocaust story. Photographs, documents, films, seminars and lectures are being utilized by the Bergen-Belsen financed, B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation' project.

Laufer, who has headed the association here since it was initiated about 15 years ago, proved his dedication six years ago when the National Film Board produced Memorandum, a prize winning documentary on the camps and their aftermath. At his own expense, he travelled to Germany and Israel to participate. "I didn't want to have anything (money) from them for that purpose," he said.

"After liberation," he reminisced, "we started to organize our community life. We opened up schools for the few kids left, opened libraries and synagogues . . . built a Zionist movement." He was secretary-general of the post-liberation Central Committee of Liberated Jews in Germany (Bergen-Belsen) until leaving for Toronto.

Besides concern for Jewry itself, Laufer has personal interest in Israel. His son, Joseph, recently graduated from the University of Jerusalem with a law degree. He is now studying at the University of Western Ontario. Family considerations prevent him emigrating to Israel, Laufer said.

Pogroms marked revolution

By MARCIA KRETZMER

TORONTO –

The state of Israel, powerful Diaspora communities and most facets of modern Jewish life as we know it today, can be traced to the Russia of 1881–1882, says Professor Jonathan Frankel, eminent historian of Russia and Russian Jewry.

Dr. Frankel, of Cambridge and the Hebrew University, is presently a Fellow at Columbia University at the Russian Institute of the School of International Affairs. He was speaking at the mid-term lecture offered by the Beth Midrash at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

1881 marked a Newtonian revolution in Jewish life, Dr. Frankel told his audience. It was the year of an outbreak of pogroms in the Ukraine. Although the loss of life was not great by contemporary standards, the incidents sent a shock wave of apprehension and foreboding through the Jewish community.

The press, government and even socialist parties made it clear that there would be no future for Jews in Russia, he said. The assumption that Russian Jews would eventually benefit from the new European climate of civil liberties and emancipation was sharply challenged.

Leading writers and thinkers such as Lilienblum and Pinsker, were forced to reappraise the whole course of Jewish history, said Dr. Frankel. The two major results of the ensuing ferment of debates, projects and schemes, were destined to exercise a revolutionary effect on Jewish life. Hovevei Zion (Lovers of Zion) the first Zionist party, was founded and the first mass migrations to the U.S. and Europe were set in motion.

No comparable upheaval had taken hold of the Jewish world since the appearance of Shabbtai Zvi, the false messiah in the 17th century.

"However, this time there was a crucial difference. People were thinking in terms of self-help rather than divine intervention," said Dr. Frankel. "This was the year of the first modern response to the crisis of the Jew's position in the world."

Organize to voice dissatisfaction over food prices advises economist

By FRANCOISE GOSSELIN

MONTREAL –

There is at least one topic every one agrees on: food prices are much too high and are chewing up too large a part of our budget. So who's to take the blame?

"Everyone is innocent, but big prices are still there" says Hanna Lambeck, Quebec president of Consumers Association of Canada, as she sums up the Food Prices Review Board report.

Five speakers were invited recently to take part in a panel discussion sponsored by the Department of Public Affairs at the Saidye Bronfman Centre. The day's topic was 'What to do about rising food costs'.

Diana Cohen, Economist and columnist for the Montreal Star, pointed her finger accusingly at the audience and declared, "you're going to have to organize yourselves in order to have your dissatisfaction known."

She believes that if people are serious about fighting inflationary prices then "we must stop buying junk foods, over-priced foods and find out what others are doing about voicing their concerns."

Francois Dagenais of L'Union des Producteurs Agricoles, blamed the government for not taking the proper measures to control food prices.

At least half the panelists tried to stick to the topic assigned for discussion but when it came to Gerry Spitzer, local vice-president and general manager of Steinberg's Ltd., he thought best to tell the audience about all the great things Steinberg's was doing for its customers.

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Shelley Berman (right) and Mimi Hines play the husband and wife in Neil Simon's The Prisoner of Second Avenue at the Royal Alex. Although the play is full of jokes, critic Lynn Slotkin said sitting through the comedy is a very painful, unfunny experience.

Subject of Simon's comedy again no laughing matter

theatre

By LYNN SLOTKIN

To say the least, Neil Simon does have a talent; he can take very serious subjects and almost hide their somberness in a mass of punchy one-liners. He can write about Jewish and Gentile and be convincing in both. One of his Jewish efforts, The Prisoner of Second Avenue, is playing to captive audiences at the Royal Alexandra Theatre.

As usual, his subject is no laughing matter. Mel Edison is having a nervous breakdown. The New York noise, pollution, garbage, shoddiness, apathy and crime have gotten to him; and to make matters worse he is unemployed at 47. His wife, Edna, tries to help him out. She gets a job. Mel gets worse. Edna starts having problems too.

In between all this "groundwork-tsoris," Simon adds the frills, the "zingers", the one-liners, the snappy patter, until you forget about the sadness and just remember the jokes. You can split a hair and say this kind and quantity of humor is innately New York; or you can leave the hair and just chalk it up to being pure Simon.

I choose the latter, and his logic escapes me. Why try and make such a depressing, universal situation so hysterical? There is I feel, humor in everything, but not guffaws. I doubt whether all of the Mels in the world, beaten by the rat-race find it uproarious. Or maybe Simon is trying to show us someone who is worse off than we are; if so, what a cheap way of getting a laugh and trying to make our lot seem better.

So much for universality. Jewishness also gets the Simon touch. Simon really doesn't spend much time putting Edna and Mel in a stereotype box; the quiet rhythm and music of their lines tells us they are Jewish; but he doesn't dwell on it, he's too busy with their frilly "tsoris".

He does dwell, however, on the Jewishness of Mel's sisters' and brother's speech. It is not only how they speak but what they say that puts them in a rather unpleasant mold. Almost every characteristic Jews are, unfortunately, stereotyped with is embodied in the three sisters, Pearl, Pauline and Jessie, and brother, Harry. The sisters are witless, simple, whiney, immature, petulant, smothering, motherly types. All three roles are cast with overweight women. Brother Harry is loud, flashy, gruff and insecure.

The acting doesn't help matters. Ruth Jaroslow as Pearl, Elsa Raven as Pauline and Yvonne Vincic as Jessie, are almost amateurish. Jack Hanrahan as Harry has got some good moments when he isn't trying to put Cary Grant inflexions in his New Yorkese.

The acting is the main problem with the major roles as well. Mimi Hines is quite marvellous in showing emotions of extremes (anger, depression, desperation) but she seems to have problems being realistic in the quieter moments. In her first scenes there is an almost detached quality about her acting. It is true she is supposed to be sleepy and a little "out of it" but not totally absent.

Shelley Berman as Mel has a terrible time trying to forget that he is Shelley Berman. There is the old Berman "schtick"; the high pitched voice to show frustration, the little boy poses, the hung head, the pouts, the stammerings, the delivering of lines as if it is a monologue, not speech in a play.

Mel is supposed to be suffering a breakdown; it is reasonable he might act a little childish, but Mel is an advertising account executive and there is precious little of this kind of man in Berman's performance. At times he is touching when he professes he is losing touch, that he doesn't know who he is anymore, but you really wish you see more of the character Mel, and less of the personality Shelley Berman.

It is terribly unfair to blame Berman totally; he is in dire need of a director to tell him to stop doing "business' and get down to acting the part, and he doesn't appear to have that kind of director in Tom Porter.

The Prisoner of Second Avenue is full of jokes, but they can't hide the fact that sitting through it is a very painful, unfunny experience.

Brief work merits considerable interest but definitive novel has yet to be written

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

SHORT WAR, SHORT LIVES
by Zygmunt Frankel

A torrent of books has gushed forth from the three wars that Israel has waged with her Arab neighbors. Every aspect of the tragic confrontation has been analyzed and dissected. And the end is not yet in sight; the long list of volumes continues to grow at a prodigious rate.

However, few novels about the protracted conflict have been of enduring merit. The definitive novel about the savage and seemingly irreconcilable antagonism between Jews and Arabs - and Israel's quest for security and independence - is yet to be written. Short War, Short Lives by Zygmunt Frankel is a brief work of considerable interest, but by no means far-reaching or ambitious.

In the form of a memoir, the action swirls around the lives of a small group of workers in a munitions factory near Tel Aviv. How they await the coming of war, what happens to those who see action, and the sudden dramatic release of tension and emotion when hostilities cease, make up the core and burden of the story.

The author, a native of Poland, a citizen of Israel since 1952, as well as a former solder in the Israeli army, attempts to describe the agonizing nights and days of those who remained at home during the lightning war. Relatives and friends of fighting men were forced to rely on wild rumors, fragmentary reports leaked from the front, and maddening radio bulletins. For the first two days there was a pervasive mood of dread and suspense. Was it to be triumph or defeat? Survival or disaster?

What lingers in the mind is the description of how a citizens' army goes into action; the stark military funeral of an Israeli soldier; the tragic figure of an Arab patriarch in the Sinai looking for his sons lost in battle, and the picture of thousands of Russian-made tanks and machines mired in the treacherous sands of the desert, like hulking monsters from another planet.

Replete with evocative vignettes of the short but tragic war, and absorbing profiles of a variety of Israelis, Short War, Short Lives is a moving, many-sided account of Israeli life and character.

The author writes in a flat, unemotional - almost casual - manner that tends to heighten the suspense. In the end, the reader is left with the implied message that nothing has really changed. Ahead lie fresh dangers and rigors that few on either side doubt - or want.

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DON'T ASK ME IF I LOVE
BY Amos Kollek

How typical are the brash and cynical attitudes of Assaf Ryke? He is a native-born Israeli, the scion of one of the wealthiest families in Jerusalem and a soldier doing his 30 month stint in the army. He is personable, sensitive and intelligent. But Assaf isn't happy.

He is unable to communicate with his worried parents, disillusioned about the unending strife with Arab neighbors that didn't end with the Six Day War, negative about old-line, self-seeking Israeli politicians and unmoved by religious loyalties or Zionist ideas. Moreover, he is unsure about his own future and suspicious of traditional answers to personal problems. Assaf is a new kind of Israeli - tough, casual, motiveless, alienated - at odds with himself and his environment.

The first third of this briskly-written, relatively uninvolved, story details the hero's relationship with a giant, taciturn comrade-in-arms named Ram who dies in an Arab guerrilla ambush several days before he is to be discharged from the army. Even then, in the presence of the terrifying, confronted with the shocking death of his best friend, Assaf can express little emotion.

"I walked slowly to where the soldiers were silently standing and I looked down. Ram's face had not changed in his death. It was calm and restful like a mask and his eyes were closed. He lay on his back, with the submachine gun still in his hand. On his shirt, near the centre of his chest, a red stain was slowly growing larger. The soldiers stood motionless around me and no one spoke. I stuck my hands in my pockets and breathed slowly and looked."

The final section of the novel is concerned with Joy, a striking American blonde working temporarily in Israel, with whom Assaf falls in love. It is a strained, torturous relationship that leads to marriage, a brief idyllic period of happiness - and then to sudden and dramatic heartbreak.

The middle portion of the narrative - the inner probings and perturbations of Assaf - is a kind of link between a young man's evident immaturity and his quest for greater meaning and conviction.

What adds interest to this book is the fact that the author is the son of the mayor of Jerusalem. Undoubtedly largely autobiographical (the hero, like the author is interested in painting, film-making, writing, etc.) Don't Ask Me If I Love is one more indication that the generation gap is confined to North America.

Those familiar with Israel will derive pleasure from the background descriptions which include the streets of Jerusalem, a crowded discotheque, a beach-house in Caesarea and a shabby flat in a Tel Aviv highrise overlooking the shimmering multicolored city.

Now that Amos Kollek has purged himself of a great deal of youthful hostility, it will be interesting to see if he can go on to something more solid and constructive.

Tel Aviv Drama Company

True characterization brings success

comment

By RICK KARDONNE

Alfred Dreyfus was not an intellectual. He was an assimilationist who thought himself genuinely honored to become the first Jewish officer in the French army, priding himself on being just an average Frenchman-in-the-street.

When he was arrested and convicted on charges of treason, his initial reaction was that it was a mistake. He could not understand why he was being singled out and banished alone to Devil's Island, a French penal institution in the West Indies which was originally a leper colony. So he proclaimed his innocence. Only after sizing up the facts of the trial, long after his arrest, did he begin to suspect that he was being prosecuted and persecuted because he was a Jew.

Michael Almaz's monologue play, Dreyfus on Devil's Island, which was presented at Toronto's Seneca College as part of a cross-continental tour by the Tel Aviv Drama Company, succeeds because it is truthful to Dreyfus' character. Alone and chained inside his four-yard-square cell, it would have been unnatural for him to have gone into a lengthy dissertation of the philosophical and historical roots of anti-Semitism.

He does not know that Emile Zola has made him into a radical cause celebre back home and that his case has catalyzed Theodore Herzl into action. He is a down-to-earth person, concerned with only concrete realities, and baffled by the absurdities of the case.

At the end of the play, when he is about to be released, the same French flag which he so proudly initially proclaimed as the banner of liberty, equality and fraternity is now shown to be full of holes.

Unfortunately, the solo actor, David Mouchtar Samorai, did not do the play justice. He raced through the entire monologue like a 33 rpm record being played at 78 speed. Although the few scenes of anger were fairly effective, he failed to evoke any degree of empathy or compassion at any other time. All in all, there was a fundamental lack of sensitivity to the character of Dreyfus the way Michael Almaz portrayed him.

The evening that I saw the play was a time in which embattled Israel and world Jewry found itself once more in the position of Dreyfus, standing all alone, condemned and forsaken by the world. Too bad that David Samourai's performance did not convincingly evoke the poignant timeliness of Michael's Almaz's play.

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Exhibit celebrates talented women artists

art

By PAULA DAVID

"Canada is rich in talent among its women artists and we wish, not only to acknowledge that fact, but to celebrate it." This statement is part of the catalogue for Salute to Women, an exhibition of Canadian Women artists now on display at the Sheridan Mall in Mississauga. Sponsored by the merchants of the mall, and the owners, J.D.S. Investments Limited, the collection was organized by Arts and Communications Counsellors, and reflects an active interest in the support and encouragement of Canadian art.

One only has to glance through any contemporary art collection to realize the valuable and vital contribution made by female Canadian artists, but it is a pleasure to find an exhibit totally devoted to this exposure. The concept of taking art to the public is not a new one, but in reality, the practice is not a conscientious and regular one. J.D.S. Investments and the Sheridan Malls are showing great practical foresight in sponsoring this collection.

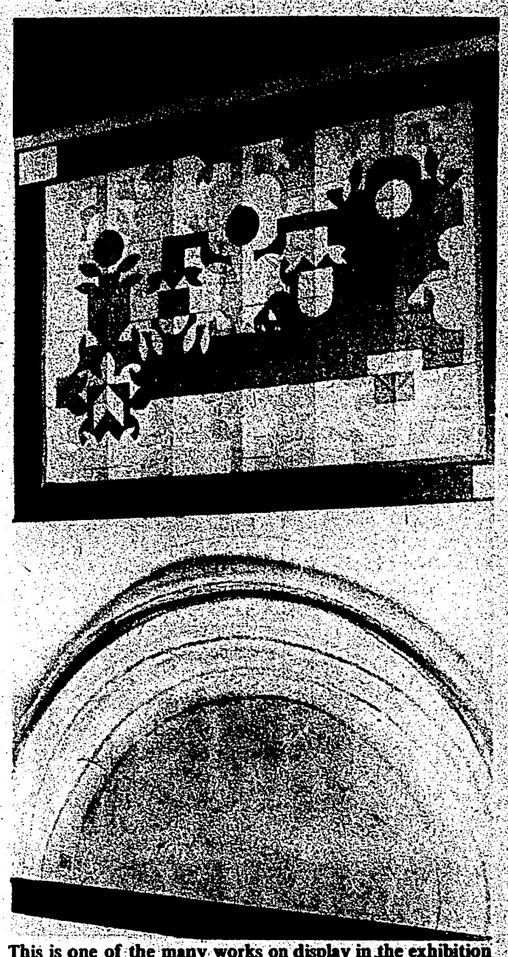
It is a known fact that the female segment of the population is most likely to frequent the shopping mall during the day, and no one can deny that discriminating quality in these surroundings can only create a more positive atmosphere. One of Sheridan Mall's policies has always been environmental comfort for the consumer, but this collection represents a stimulating representative look at contemporary art history. One would have to tramp through a number of galleries in order to view the work of the women involved, and likely would run into a great deal of difficulty.

Sheridan Mall provides a relaxed, spatially dynamic, and convenient area for the collection, and the active public interest is the most positive indication of the show's success.

Although I heartily endorse public support of Canadian art, ready accessibility, and the encouragement of our women artists, the collection does not consist totally of brilliant work. Likely none of the artists represented would prefer to be given special recognition as women, but rather are using this as a thematic and educational approach in bringing their work to the public. Naturally then, as in most collections, some works are weaker and a few are outstanding, but most tastes are represented, and most style trends are hung so as not to impose on each other.

The Banners by Shirley Raphael are extremely striking and show to excellent advantage the potential of art in the mall. Suspended from a high ceiling, they are immediately visible from two main entrances, and their bright translucent quality waves gently over the heads of the shoppers, as well the core of the shopping centre. Made of nylon, and hand painted with an extremely colorful palette, they set the tone for the entire show, and hence that area of the mall. The Banners act as an example of the subtle, yet constant, directional influence that art can play in any given space.

There is also an excellent variety of media in the show that is a rarity in these days of highly specialized collections. A colorful woven wool wall hanging by Donna Dick, a felt cut-out wall hanging entitled Grey, Orange and Pink, by Ina Gilbert, serigraphs by Kay Murray Weber, an acrylic hard-edge by Rita Letendre as well as collages and silkscreens, all represent a variety of preference and expression. Professionalism of technique is consistent throughout the show, and reinforces the fact that talent and skill, not sex, are basic prerequisites of a successful artist. Personal preference provided unfavorable reactions to the work of Brenda Siegel for its contemporary cuteness, as well as Cathy Senitt-Harbison's oil W.I.G.D.. Although an admirer of Joyce Wieland, I felt her O Canada series has been over-exposed, and a newer, less common work would have been appreciated.



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Israel Bonds night

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wounds healed, its economy restored, its peace assured, in the spirit of freedom that Chanukah symbolizes," said Donald Lipman, general chairman for the 1973 Toronto Bond Drive which culminates on Dec. 31.

As in the past, free reserved seat tickets will be available upon request to Israel Bond paid-up purchasers in 1973, from $250 levels up.

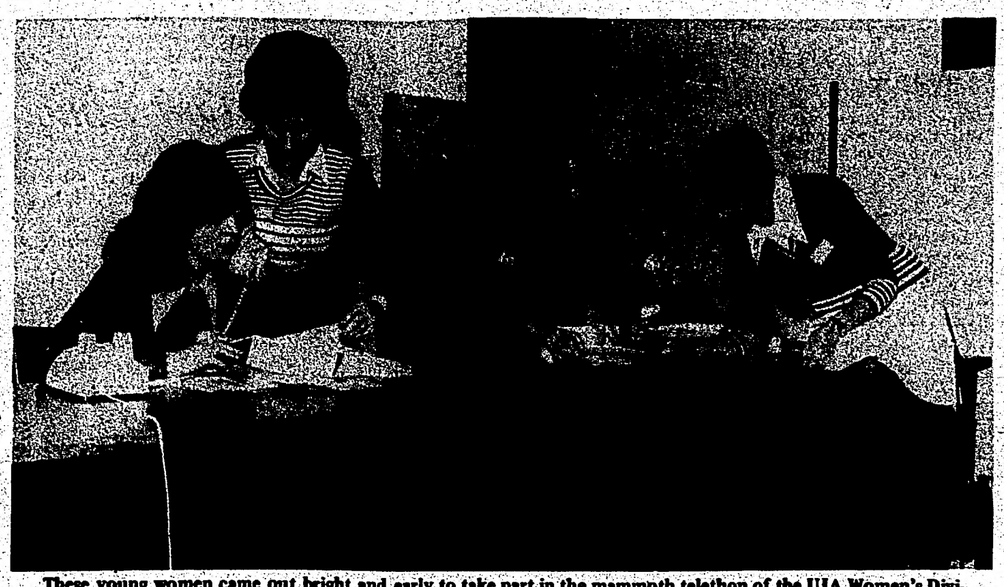
Highlighting the impressive program will be the message from the people and leaders of Israel being brought to the Toronto Jewish community by Ambassador Eshel, who has a close link with Canadian Jewry. (Her late husband was an ambassador of Israel to Canada.)

Tamar Eshel

Tamar Eshel has served for more than 20 years in leading government assignments at home and abroad. She has represented Israel at the United Nations on several occasions, most recently in 1971 when she was elevated to the rank of ambassador. She is considered one of Israel's most eloquent public figures.

A native Israeli, she studied at the University of London, served with the British army during the Second World War and worked with the Haganah to rescue Jewish refugees from France and North Africa.

Among the distinguished performers starring in the 1973 Chanukah Festival will be Sarah Rubine, Israel's outstanding singing star; Yaacov Dan, international film star whose songs reflect the dynamic spirit of his land; Louis Danto, renowned tenor, operatic star and cantor; Jack Malon, well-known TV drama series star and an outstanding raconteur; Morley Pape, presenting a moving and unusual dramatic story by Peretz; and Gordon Kushner, conducting the Chanukah Concert Orchestra.



These young women came out bright and early to take part in the mammoth telethon of the UJA Women's Division. From the left are Marlene Plicht, Marilynn Siegel, Andrea Novea, Marsha Rosen and Maxine Cooper.

No shift to right in Israel politics: Histadrut leader

By NORMAN TOLLINSKY

TORONTO –

A top ranking official of Israel Histadrut told a local audience this week he doesn't believe the Arab attack on Yom Kippur and the heavy casualties suffered by Israel, will result in a shift to the right in next month's elections.

Yoshua Levy, secretary-treasurer of the giant labor movement, said it was his view the right wing element contesting the election would not succeed with a campaign based on the war. Levy spoke to the annual convention of the Israel Histadrut campaign and United Organizations for Histadrut.

"The majority of Israelis are working people and I think they still believe in Golda Meir," Levy observed.

He praised Israel's Arab population for its loyalty during the war, stressing that there were no incidents of internal sabotage during hostilities.

According to Levy, the Histadrut was instrumental in mobilizing the non-military population to keep the factories going. Disruption of the economy was serious, he acknowledged, but not as bad as may have been expected.

Levy came to Toronto from Miami where he was honored at the AFL-CIO convention.

Dialogue at temple

TORONTO –

Training sessions held in October by Christians and Jews bore fruit last week when 110 members of both communities attended a highly successful "dialogue" session at Temple Sinai.

"I had expected a very superficial, sweetness-and-light brotherhood type of meeting but it wasn't like that at all," said one man seated at a table of four Christians and four Jews. "We really got down to a deep discussion."

The project, sponsored jointly by B'nai B'rith's League For Human Rights and the Christian-Jewish Dialogue Program, was titled What it means to me to be a Jew/Christian.

Congregant participation sought

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO –

The future of Reform Judaism in North America might involve more ritual, symbolism and congregant participation, if one aspect of the recent centennial biennial convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations comes to fruition.

The theme of the five-day convention held in New York was "to give to you a future and a hope." Over 2,300 delegates representing over 400 congregations, including eight of Canada's 15 Reform congregations, were in attendance as speakers, including Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut of Holy Blossom Temple, explained the need for a comprehensive guide for Reform Jewish practice.

Many of those assembled recognized the desire of a growing number of Reform Jews to have some kind of guide, similar to the recently published Shabbat manual. As Melville Olsberg, executive director of Holy Blossom Temple explained, "many Reform Jews are now asking, 'What do I do to be more Jewish?'"

The convention was steeped in serious study and was notable for a lack of any form of levity, due in no small part to the untimely death of Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath.

On the afternoon of the first day of the convention, Mayor John Lindsay presented Dr. Eisendrath with a citation from the city of New York. That evening, Morley Pape, director, Canadian Council of Liberal Congregations, rose to tell the Canadian delegation that Eisendrath's secretary had just informed him the rabbi had suffered a fatal heart attack.

The Saturday evening banquet was to be Eisendrath's last official function as president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Instead, Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, the new president, rose to read Eisendrath's speech, at the request of the late rabbi's wife, Rita, to a silent and saddened convention. The next day funeral services were held at Central Synagogue in New York with over 2,500 people in attendance.

Other convention speakers were Dr. Nachum Goldmann who cautioned the audience not to forget the world is composed of Jews as well as non-Jews, and Israel as well as her neighbors. He said Jews should not just be aware of Jewish issues but also all social issues in the world, if we wish to be believed and helped by others.

Schindler, addressing the convention, stressed the need to establish an academy of Judaism where people could continue to pursue Jewish studies. He explained that an intensive form of Jewish education for a few people would have a "ring" effect and would reach many others.

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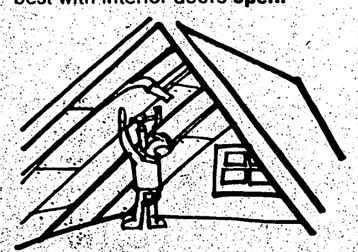
To make sure we have enough energy for the future, and to give us time to develop alternative energy sources, we must make the best use of the sources we have now. Nobody has the right to waste fuel, or any other form of energy. The time has come to take a good, hard look at the way we use energy, and to use it wisely. Good energy habits learned now, especially by our children, will bring us comfortably through the winter, and pay off in years to come. Let's get to work.

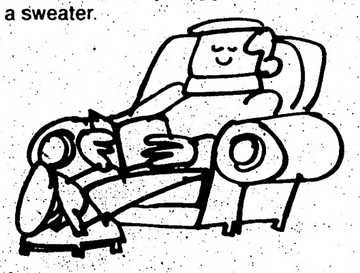
47 things you can do to conserve energy

1-7 Your heating system. Clean forced-air filters once a month ☐ Bleed air from hot water radiators. fix leaks ☐ Empty the flue clean-out ☐ Have the system checked by an expert ☐ Insulate ducts and pipes in areas that don't need heat ☐ Glossy white radiators heat best ☐ A gravity air system with a single return works best with interior doors open.



8-13 Keep the heat in! Insulation pays, especially in attics. ☐ Fit storm windows, weather-strip outside doors ☐ Keep fireplace damper closed ☐ Use range hood ventilators only when necessary ☐ If you sleep with the window open, close the door ☐ Close drapes at night.

14-17 Use your thermostat. Each degree you lower the thermostat cuts fuel consumption about 3% ☐ It's possible to save by turning the thermostat down at night ☐ If you use a humidifier, you'll stay comfortable with less heat ☐ If there's a Shivery Sam in the family, suggest he wears a sweater.



18-22 Hot water. Insulate exposed hot water pipes ☐ If your water heater has a dial, try setting it lower ☐ A dripping tap wastes up to 175 gallons of hot water a month ☐ Don't use dishwashers till they're full ☐ Generally, a shower uses less hot water than a bath.

23-32 Around the house. Are the door seals on your oven, refrigerator and freezer good? ☐ Don't use the oven if a toaster or fry-pan will do the job ☐ If you buy an electric heater, make sure it has a thermostat ☐ Use lower wattage bulbs if you can ☐ Use Christmas lights from 6 pm till bedtime ☐ Use pots that cover stove elements ☐ Thaw frozen food before cooking ☐ Defrost freezers regularly ☐ A pressure cooker saves energy as well as time.

33-39 On the road. A well-maintained car is an economical car ☐ Check tires and alignment ☐ Prolonged idling wastes gas ☐ Can you use the bus? Or ride with someone else? ☐ Does your size of car really fit your needs? ☐ Over 50 mph, economy decreases ☐ Jack-rabbit starts waste gas

40-44 Around the farm. A well-tuned tractor burns 10% less fuel ☐ Underground or pressurized storage tanks reduce vapourization loss ☐ Reduce tractor wheel slip and you save fuel ☐ Prolonged idling of engines wastes gas ☐ Can you turn yard lights off earlier?

45-47 At work. Can the thermostat be turned down? ☐ Can you turn off any lights? ☐ Has your company got an Energy Conservation Suggestion Scheme?

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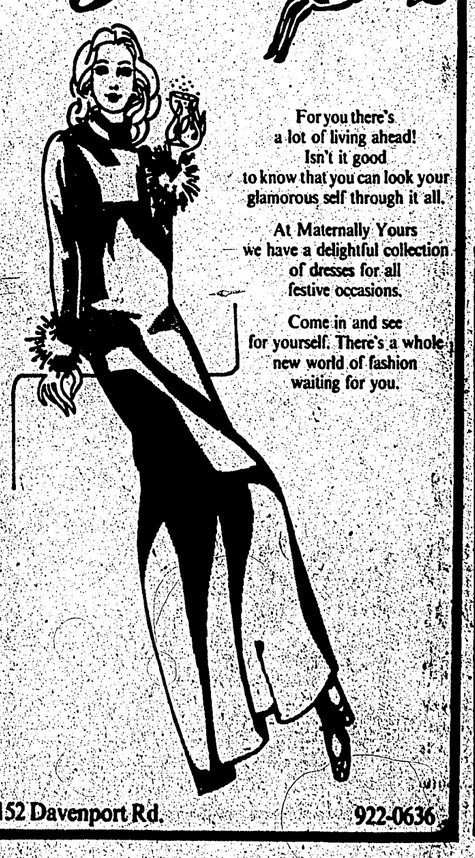

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TORONTO -
The current political isolation of Israel is now almost complete, Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut told the Religious Education Association convention here Monday.

"Only Israel among the nations of the world still has to prove that it has a right to exist," said Rabbi Plaut, chairman, Canada - Israel Committee, Central Region, in his address to 1,500 Roman Catholic, Protestant and Jewish religious educators.

There is an extension of a theological proposition put forward by Christians and by Islam in the past "which denies the very legitimacy of our faith," he said. "Israel, to Jews, means survival."

Noted Roman Catholic philosopher Rev. Gregory Baum of St. Michael's College, in a prepared dialogue with the Holy Blossom rabbi, said liberal Christians, crying out for universal brotherhood, often disdain or misunderstand the religious traditions of minorities.

Christians, making their own religion the measure of traditions like Judaism, find it difficult to understand Judaism's attachment to the land of Israel, said Father Baum.

"Religion ought to be spiritual, they say. For Judaism to be political makes Judaism a less perfect religion," he continued.

But one of the greatest achievement of Christian thought and religious experience in this century, he said, has been the recognition of the value of human solidarity together with the importance of adhering to one's own Christian or Jewish religious traditions.

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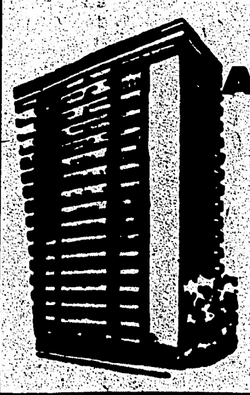
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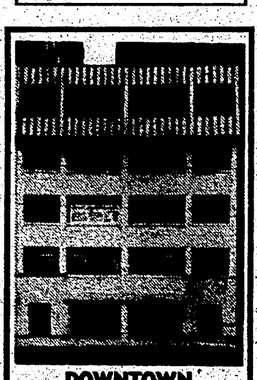
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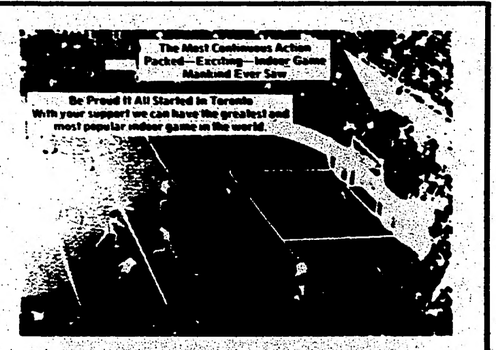
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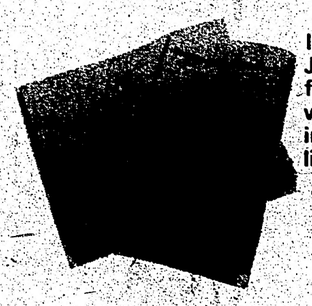

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Cost of war in billions

TEL AVIV (JCNS) –

The Yom Kippur War has cost Israel about $10 million an hour, Moshe Neudorfer, commissioner of inland revenue told the public committee for the voluntary War Loan.

A former chief of staff, Yitzhak Rabin, admitted the war had been "a very tough and costly one." The response by Israelis to the War Loan has been very encouraging.

Asher Yadlin, head of Herut Ovdim, the holding company of the Histadrut, a member of the public committee, said that 20,000 senior employees and company directors would donate one month's salary to the loan. Israel's 60,000 old-age pensioners have decided to contribute half their monthly allowance of $95 to the loan. One anonymous company contributed $95 million and 400 firms have together contributed an additional $95 million.

The Civil Service Commission has decided to make graded reductions of between 25 and 50% from the monthly earnings of civil servants depending on the salary levels.

An estimated 20,000 people have already subscribed to the War Loan giving an estimated $70 million and additional subscriptions are pouring in.

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N.Y. Jews vote for Beame

NEW YORK (JTA) –

Abraham D. Beame took more than 60% of the vote to become New York City's 104th mayor and the first Jew to hold that post. As expected, the 67-year-old city controller received his largest pluralities in the Jewish middle class districts of Brooklyn, the Bronx and Queens. But he also gathered nearly 70% of the vote in the city's Black and Hispanic neighborhoods such as Harlem and East Harlem, Bedford Stuyvesant and Ocean hill.

In Manhattan, Beame lost only three districts and these went to the other Jewish candidate in the four-way race, Assemblyman Albert H. Blumenthal. Blumenthal, won in the predominantly liberal areas of the West Side, East Side and Greenwich Village where there are large numbers of Jewish voters.

Many observers throughout the campaign, which consisted of two Democratic primaries, saw a split in the Jewish vote with older and more middle class Jews voting for Beame and younger college-educated Jews going for Blumenthal.

Beame, who became Mayor after 23 years in public office, was born in London March 20, 1906 but came to the United States with his family as a three-month-old infant. His family name of Birnbaum was legally changed when Beame was six-years-old. His father was an old-line socialist and a founder of the Liberal Party but Beame was never a socialist. Beame, with his longtime friend and colleague the late Brooklyn Borough president Abe Stark, had long been active in Jewish philanthropic work in Brooklyn.

He served with the Federation of Jewish philanthropist, the Zionist Organization of America, the Brooklyn Jewish Community Council, B'nai B'rith's Hillel Foundation and Anti-Defamation League, Israel Bonds, and the America-Israel Cultural Foundation. Beame, a member of an orthodox synagogue in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn, refused to campaign on Saturdays.

Altmann is freed by Bolivia

LA PAZ (JCNS) –

Klaus Altmann, 58, a naturalized Bolivian businessman wanted in France for war crimes under the name of Klaus Barbie, was freed by the Bolivian authorities last week, after eight months' detention in a La Paz jail.

Altmann had been held since March pending the outcome of requests for his extradition by the French and Peruvian governments. The Bolivian Supreme Court finally rejected a Peruvian request for extradition and ordered his release.

The Peruvian request involved charges alleging currency frauds and smuggling offences against Altmann. The charges were said to cover large sums of money. Earlier Bolivia had turned down France's request for Altmann's extradition on the grounds there was no extradition treaty between the two countries.

Altmann admitted several times in newspaper and magazine interviews during his detention that he is Barbie. He settled in Bolivia in 1952. Barbie, who was Gestapo chief of the Lyons region during the Second World War, was sentenced to death in his absence by a French military court after the war for being responsible for torturing and killing hundreds of French Resistance fighters, including Jews. He was known in France as the "butcher of Lyons."

Jews in Argentina reassured by Peron

BUENOS AIRES (JTA) –

The leader of the Argentine Jewish community has asked President Juan D. Peron to stop anti-Semitic attacks in Argentina and to use his prestige to bring about a just peace in the Middle East. Dr. Sion Cohen Imach, head of the DAIA, made his plea during a 40-minute audience with Peron. Joining Dr. Imach in the delegation were Jaime Rajchemberg, president of the Buenos Aires Kehilla, Dr. Nehemias Resnitzky, DAIA secretary, and Salomon Lobov, treasurer.

"It is absurd to apply the concept of synarchy (Peron's philosophy of world politics) to the Jewish community living in Argentina," Peron told the Jewish leaders. Noting that in 1946 his government eradicated anti-Semitic organizations in Argentina, Peron told the delegation that the Jewish community will always find his doors open to them.

Crisis over speech

COPENHAGEN (JCNS) –

A speech sympathetic to Israel and Holland by Anker Jorgensen, the Danish prime minister, deepened an already critical internal political situation with the result that the Social Democratic government resigned earlier this month. His remarks caused a sensation in Denmark and other European countries and several Arab newspapers immediately called for a total stop of oil deliveries to Denmark.

Nearly all the Danish newspapers described the prime minister's speech as an "enormous howler" and Jorgensen replied he had been largely misinterpreted. Within two days, the government resigned in answer to such a call from several sides. There will be a general election on Dec. 4.

Jorgensen was reported to have told a political meeting in Middelfart on Fuhnen near Odense that he regarded the Arabs as opening fire on Oct. 6 to begin the latest round of fighting in the Middle East. He defended Israel taking up arms because her neighbors wanted to drive the state into the Mediterranean and his sympathies lay mainly with Israel.

He was also reported as saying the Common Market would stand solidly with Holland, which had been singled out by the Arabs for their oil boycott because they believed Holland supported Israel.

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